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WANG CHING-WEI TRIP MYSTERY

Arrival In Hanoi From Chungking Reported
Rumours Of Split
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Mission

(From A Special Correspondent)

Rumour is making free play with the name of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, China's Deputy Premier and Chairman of the Central Political Council, and political quarters took great interest this morning in arrivals by the Air France liner from Hanoi.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei is known to have left Chungking by air on Monday and it is stated on good authority that he arrived in Hanoi, via Kunming, on Tuesday.

He did not, however, arrive by Air France this morning as he was, in some quarters, expected to do.

It is an interesting fact, however, that one of the passengers informed me that Mr. Wang Ching-wei's confidential secretary, who had been in Hong Kong for several weeks, was seen in Hanoi yesterday.

Explanations of Mr. Wang Ching-wei's departure from Chungking differ. There are rumours of the development of a difference on matters of policy between Mr. Wang Ching-wei and the Generalissimo. It is also stated that Mr. Wang Ching-wei is proceeding on a special mission to Europe on behalf of General Chiang Kai-shek.

FURTHER RUMOURS
The importance which is attached to discovery of the real facts arises from further rumours, which have been discounted in quarters closely connected with Mr. Wang Ching-wei, that he has been the strongest advocate of the conclusion of an early peace on reasonable terms.

**H.K. POLICE
SERGEANT
DIES AT HOME**

SERGEANT ALEXANDER McROBBIE, OF THE HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, WHO WAS INVALIDED HOME IN APRIL THIS YEAR, DIED ON TUESDAY AT THE KING GEORGE'S SANATORIUM, BRAMSHOTT, HAMPSHIRE.

News of his demise was received in Hong Kong this morning.

The late Sergeant McRobbie joined the police force in 1927 and was for many years at the Water Police Station.

During his last two years he was in the Registry Department of the Criminal Investigation Department. Prior to leaving the Colony, he was suffering from lung trouble and was a month in Hospital.

He leaves a widow and a two-year-old daughter to whom the deepest sympathy is extended.

Significance of Mr. Wang's movements may not be disclosed for some time. Meanwhile, it is suggested that all rumours be accepted with extreme reserve.

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HOW AMERICA PUTS EMBARGO ON JAPAN

London, To-day.
The stiffening of the United States attitude towards Japan is causing Tokyo deep concern, according to unofficial reports, says the Washington correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."

While scrupulously observing the letter of the law, the United States is conducting a one-way arms embargo against Japan.

Whenever an aeroplane manufacturer applies for a license to export to Japan, he is asked if he approves of the bombing of

civilians, which would be facilitated by his order.

This appeal to humanitarian instincts is usually successful, particularly where the company anticipates an American order.

NOT AGAINST CHINA
Such moral pressure is not brought against orders for China.

Feeling in official American circles is that Japan's financial position is becoming increasingly serious, and that time is on China's side provided that the morale of the Chinese military organisation can be preserved. — Reuter.

"I WANT RUSSIA" — HITLER

Germany Must Expand or Explode

NEXT to the Jews Hitler heartily hates the Slavs. For they also, in some degree, have mingled their blood with Germans, polluting them he says (for example, in the former Austro-Hungarian empire). The French have been fully occupied in polluting themselves.

The Slavs earn high place in the Hitler demonology because, God willing, they are going to be devoured by him just now. The wolf is working up his hatred of the lamb.

The German race has got to expand or explode. Against this tremendous fact no consideration of any kind can be allowed to weigh. "The right to land and soil becomes a duty when a great people seems vowed to ruin if it cannot grow. Especially when it is not just a little cannot be long delayed. "We are Negro tribe but the Germanic chosen by Providence to be mother of all life, which has given nesses of the world of to-day her cultural stamp. Germany will be a world just one more proof of the correctness of our Nazi Racial Theory."

"But to become a world Power she needs territorial greatness which guarantees her the necessary importance and her citizens their bread. BUT WHEN WE TALK TO-DAY OF THE CONQUEST OF NEW TERRITORY IN EUROPE, WE CAN ONLY THINK OF RUSSIA AND HER BORDER STATES."

Again "We National Socialists have deliberately drawn a line under the pre-war tendency of our foreign policy. We stem the Germanic stream towards the South and West of Europe and turn our eyes eastward."

And, most conveniently, in this matter, the Lord is working again for Hitler. For Fate, says he, when it abandoned Russia to Bolshevism, robbed her of the educated and disciplined class which had built, which alone was capable of sustaining the structure of that huge State.

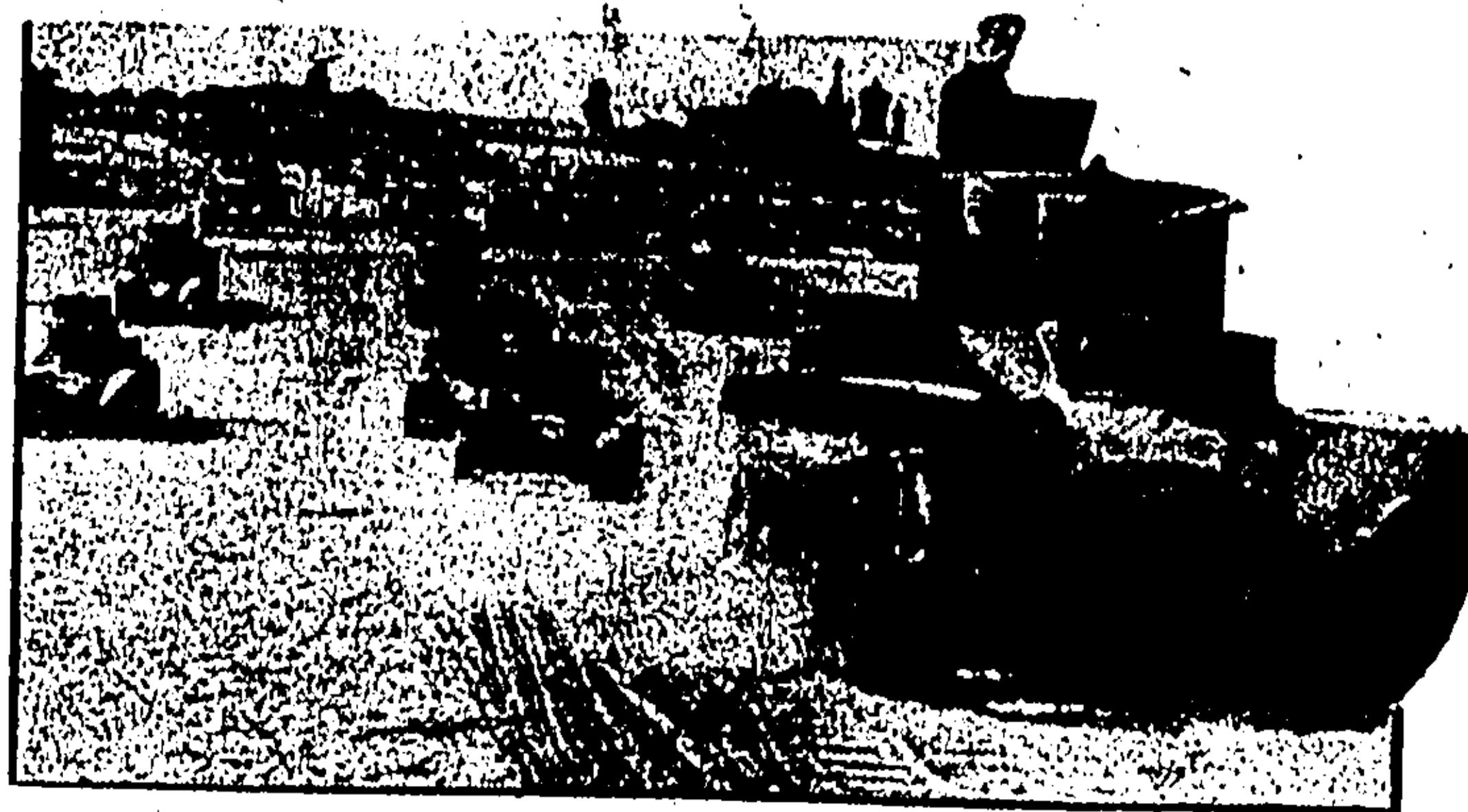
[Hitler is referring to the German bureaucracy introduced by Tsar Peter the Great, and to the powerful military aristocracy of the "Baltic Barons." —Editor.]

In the trenches opposite the British, the Bolshevist Revolution has wiped out the Germanic element in

The Soviet Empire Will Collapse

Now, it is impossible for the Russian to shake off the Jew yoke by his own strength. But it is also im-

'MEIN KAMPF'



"Germany has something to ask — something that does not in any way conflict with England's interest. Germany wants to go East. There is rich soil of the Ukraine swimming in fat. Land! Land! And Bread."

So speaks Hitler, but if he does go East this is the sort of force he will have to meet. Here is a fleet of Red Army tanks at exercise.

possible for the Jew to retain control of that immense empire for any length of time. For the character of the Jew is not that of organiser

He thought then that it would be a good thing for Germany to give up her colonial dream, with its attendant naval policy, and join England in a partnership for defence against Russia. He explains that by "de-

The Jew is just a decomposing leaven. The vast Soviet federation will one day collapse and that day for acquiring territory on the Continent of Europe."

This idea of an Anglo-German entente runs like a steel column through the higgledy-piggledy

structure of the work called "Mein Kampf." Look here England! says Hitler, Germany will have to meet. Here is a fleet of Red Army tanks at exercise.

der to extend their own world-domination.

In France, the desires of the Jews and the interests of the French coincided. The Bourse and the Quai d'Orsay are branches of the same firm.

Every German To Have His Own Land

France went on with her chosen task though the fighting had ended. The war was only the foundation for it. "Tiger" Clemenceau was right when he said that the Peace

should be the continuation of the war. He made it so, not even for

getting to use black troops to wage

over Germany, too. Germany is

It has been England's historic, and successful, policy since the days of Queen Elizabeth to prevent

Nazi missionary zeal is needed to the rise of any one European Power

gird up the German nation, to re-

scue it from the embrace of that in-

ternational python and stem the

corruption of German stock.

The target of her blows has chang-

The Bolshovists are vile and bloody tyrants. Favoured by cir-

cumstances in a tragic hour they

overran a great State, massacring millions of their fellow countrymen.

England, right when he said that the Peace

The Terror they set up smashes all records. Naturally, most of the

should be the continuation of the

leaders belong to a race which com-

bat of the Chief Enemy to past to

which alone was capable of sustain-

Germany and will

ing, the race which now believes it

mean none in the future. They

is about to enchain the whole world

beat her down by all and every

means.

would not give the German nation

internal solidarity, nor provide it

with enough to eat. Even from a

don't let us have any silly re-

military standpoint the old frontier

crimination about that England's was not valuable.

Moreover, any effort to restore

way of making war may not strike

every fool as being "heroic," though

it, even if successful, would lead to

nobody need doubt the fighting

pouring out of blood until

there was none left for

the quality of the English. It is the task there

was none left for

of statesmanship to see that the

the mighty tasks and

nation does not go under "heroical-

ly" or any other way, but is kept

on top by practical means. Every

rebuilding of the German Reich.

road that leads to that goal is the

No! Germany will not waste her

right one and not to follow it is a

crime and disgraceful neglect of

duty.

What is the conclusion of the

whole matter? Here is Germany,

England came out of the ready to abandon every challenge

Great War—and found what? That to England's world-wide Empire.

France had taken the place of Ger-

many as Public Enemy No. 1. The

But Germany has something to ask

—something that does not in any

rise of a European Power over and

above the level of the rest had not

been prevented; it had in fact been

East.

GERMANY WANTS TO GO

consolidated.

There is the rich soil of the

England would have wished to

Ukraine swimming in fat. Land!

Land! And Bread!

The German Reich must conquer

with the German sword the earth

for the German plough, the bread

French saw to that! England had

for the German people! "Never

exploited to the limit the forces of

mans ("Hang the Kaiser") and land. Never forget, that the holiest

could not reverse the engines.

right in this world is the right to

France dictated the peace.

own land, which one can plough

England had different aims from

oneself, and the holiest sacrifice is

France. England did not want Ger-

many to be a world Power. France land.

did not want Germany to be a Pow-

er at all! If England pressed hard about

upon the Germans once she had

which must be solved for good and

defeated them it was because the all—FRANCE!

Jews had grabbed control for the

To-morrow Hitler tells of his

moment and were pursuing their intention to settle finally with

plan of smashing Germany in or

France,

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EMPIRE AS OBJECT LESSON FOR THE WORLD

London, To-day.

The Dominions and Colonial Secretary, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, spoke last night on the "British Industries Fair, 1939" in the series of broadcasts entitled "Empire Exchange." The talk is to be repeated to-morrow (Friday) night.

Mr. Macdonald particularly mentioned the healthy co-operation between members of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

"There is one thing," he said, "which distinguishes the peoples of the Empire in particular from the peoples of the world in general."

"In the whole span of human history there has never been so much talk of strife and warfare.

"There have been moments in this very year, owing to conflicting interests between one people and another, when we all stared calamity in the face.

MAY COME AGAIN

"We may stare that calamity in the face again unless the peoples of the world can learn to co-operate together."

"That is where the British Empire has so priceless a lesson to teach. Its manifold teeming peoples are as diverse as any race on earth. Left to themselves, their interests too would clash as easily and as frequently as those of any other collection of peoples.

"But they have certain things in common—their citizenship of the British Commonwealth of Nations and their loyalty to the Crown.

SENSE OF COMRADESHIP

"These attributes they share have brought them together, have given them a sense of comradeship and have taught them to co-operate together until co-operation amongst them is becoming a habit which would be hard to dissolve."

The British Industries Fair, said Mr. Macdonald, was one of their co-operative efforts. The Fair provided an opportunity of advertising amongst the traders of the whole world the whole range of the Empire's industrial output.

Mr. Macdonald mentioned that almost half the United Kingdom's £522,000,000 worth of exports was sold to Empire countries, while of the United Kingdom's £1,029,000,000 worth of imports, 39 per cent. was

NEW NAVAL AGREEMENT

London, To-day.

An Anglo-Scandinavian Naval Agreement, following the lines of the London Naval Agreement, was signed at the Foreign Office yesterday.

The Danish, Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish Ministers signed on behalf of their respective countries, and Lord Halifax and Lord Stanhope for Britain. — British Wireless.

U.S. AMBASSADOR

Kunming, To-day.

Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, U. S. Ambassador to China, left Kunming yesterday morning to return to Washington by way of Burma. — Central News.

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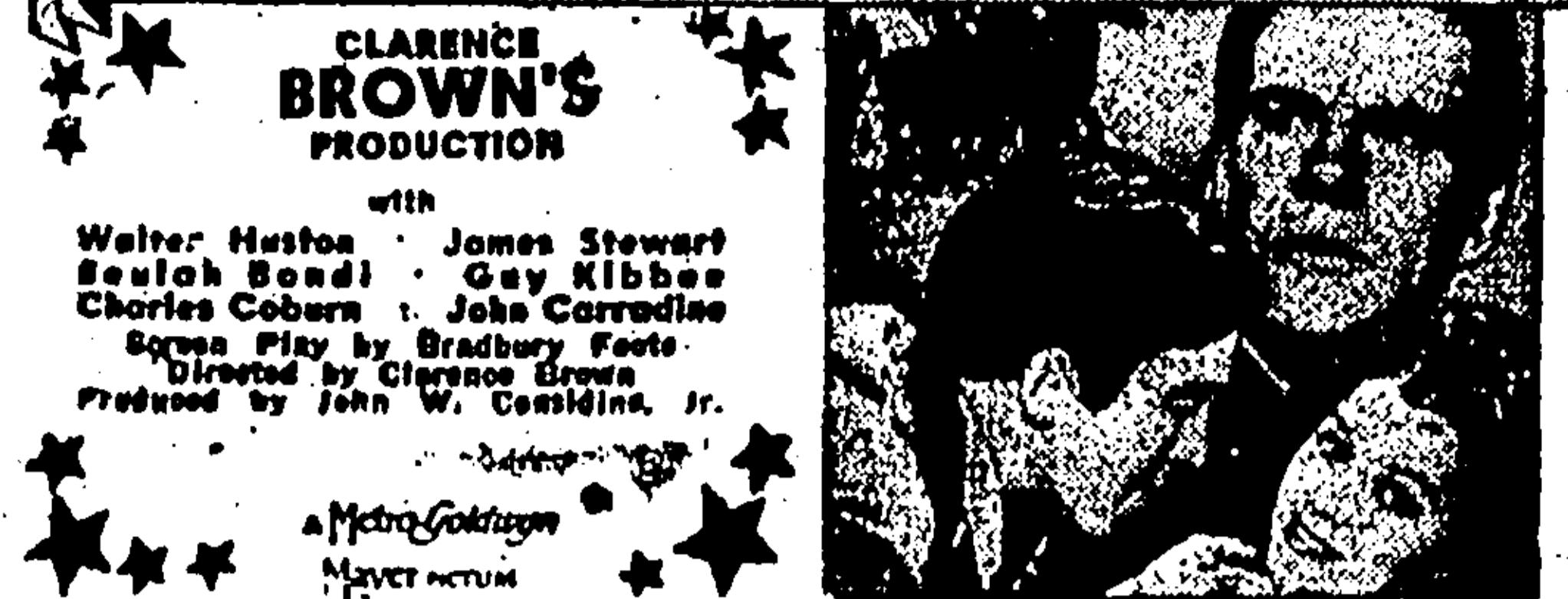
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FROM A WIDOW

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, appearing this morning on behalf of the Crown in Sir Atholl MacGregor's first case since his return from leave, extended a warm welcome to the Chief Justice.

Replying, Sir Atholl said that he and Lady MacGregor had had an excellent leave, but personally he was glad to be back again.

Mr. Justice Lindsell has resumed his appointment as Puisne Judge.

The case before Sir Atholl MacGregor concerned Li Hei-ting, charged with theft of \$19,000, in connection with the intended purchase of a house by Chu Lai-sze, a widow.

It was alleged that the money was paid to him for the purchase of the house in December, 1937.

Mr. Leo d'Almada is prosecuting and Mr. D. J. N. Anderson appears for the defence.

JURY CHALLENGED

The accused challenged the selection of Chinese to serve on the jury, but his counsel said he was not prepared to support the challenge. Accused, questioned by the Chief Justice, said he was afraid that Chinese jurymen might know complainant and be prejudiced.

Mr. Anderson said he did not wish to argue the point and the following jury was then empanelled: G. A. Lawrence (foremen), S. K. Heiberg, G. N. Noronha, D. L. Valentine, Lin Kim-cheong and Au Chung-yiu.

SHARES MORTGAGED

Mr. D'Almada, for the Crown, stated that the evidence would show that complainant did not part with ownership of the money when she handed it to accused.

Her husband died ten years ago and left her \$100,000. She also had a business in Canton, and possessed two houses in Kowloon and two in Hong Kong. She owned shares in the China Light and Power Company, Limited, but had no banking account.

She kept her money in a safe at home or in a Safety Deposit Box at the Bank of East Asia.

Last year, complainant needed \$20,000 to send to her firm in Canton. She had \$14,000 and mortgaged some China Light Shares to the extent of \$6,000. However, the money was ready, she was informed that Canton had managed to collect outstanding accounts and did not need the \$20,000.

Her broker, Choy Ling-shiu, suggested she use the money to purchase a house. On December 17, Choy took her to see accused at No. 83, Connaught Road Central, after viewing from the outside, No. 1, Morrison Hill Road, which Choy said was for sale.

During the conversation with accused, the widow was given to understand that he owned the house in Morrison Hill Road. He said he was in need of money and was willing to sell for \$25,000.

She bargained, and he agreed to sell for \$19,000 saying he would not part with the property if he did not need the money badly.

On the following day, the widow visited accused with \$19,000 in her bag. When she asked him where Choy Ling-shiu was, he replied that he was waiting at a solicitor's office.

Accused suggested that she hand the money to him as sooner or later she would do so.

THE FOLLOWING DAY

On their way to the supposed lawyer's office, accused asked the widow and her daughter to wait outside the H. K. and S. Bank as he was going

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JAP. TACTICS
AGAINST
BRITISH SHIPS

London, To-day.

Attention to delays in British shipping at Chefoo owing to the Japanese authorities granting of a monopoly in lighter transport, was drawn in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. J. F. E. Crowder, Conservative member for Finchley.

Mr. Crowder coupled his enquiry with another question, as to what action the Government was taking.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, replied that the Foreign Secretary had received no recent reports on the matter.

Representations had been made to the Japanese Government on the general question of discrimination against British shipping in North China ports, including Chefoo. — Reuter.

BURMA-YUNNAN
ROAD READY FOR
CHINA'S NEEDS

London, To-day.

Mr. W. Craven Ellis (Cons. Southampton) asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether the bridges in Burma from railhead to the Chinese head of the Burma-Yunnan road would be strengthened to carry ten tons of munitions.

Lt.-Col. Muirhead, Under-Secretary for India and Burma, replied that the Secretary for India, the Marquess of Zetland, had been informed that all bridges on the Burma side of the Burma-Yunnan road were already able to carry loads up to the loaded weight of lorries which he understood the Chinese authorities at present propose to use. — Reuter.

CIANO LEAVING

Budapest, To-day:

The Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, will leave this morning on his return to Rome, via Yugo-Slavia.

Count Ciano was yesterday the guest of the Minister of Agriculture at a shooting party. Count Csaky was also among the members of the party. — Trans-Ocean.

Rome, To-day.

An official Italian communiqué yesterday announces the release of 509 political prisoners. — Trans-Ocean.

to get the title deeds from a Safety Box. Accused entered the side door in Des Voeux Road.

After waiting 20 minutes, the widow entered the building, noticed the door leading to the Safety Boxes was closed and realised that accused had cheated her.

After several fruitless visits, she found him in his office and demanded her money back. Accused was alleged to have admitted that he used the money as he was in great need. Threatened with prosecution, he was alleged to have said it would be of no use as she had no witness other than her daughter-in-law to say she handed the money to him.

She attempted to obtain the assistance of Choy, her broker, who promised to do something, but moved and could not be located. She reported to the Police, who arrested accused.

Accused, concluded Mr. D'Almada, was not the owner of No. 1, Morrison Hill Road.

The case is proceeding.

BRITAIN UNABLE TO OBTAIN SATISFACTION ON CHINA RAILWAY RIGHTS

London, To-day.

Replying to Mr. A. C. Moreing (Cons. Preston) in the House of Commons yesterday, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, said that in a Note addressed to the British Ambassador on Dec. 8, the Japanese Foreign Minister stated that no change whatever had occurred in the past three months to render a survey of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway possible.

Revenues were collected in Japanese yen and Japanese military yen notes on this line and on the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway.

STRAIGHT AND NARROW FOR TRAMS TO-DAY

The new tram track across Arsenal street has now been completed and this morning trams were able to avoid the curves. The change-over took place in the early hours of the morning and did not in any way interfere with traffic.

The completion of the road is expected in three or four weeks.

SITUATION BETTER IN HANKOW FRENCHTOWN

Hankow, To-day. The situation in the French Concession was considerably eased yesterday, and the French Consul, M. Colin, told Reuter that relations between the French and Japanese were very friendly.

There were no questions between the French and Japanese authorities, M. Colin declared, which remained unsettled.

Asked regarding the water supply in the Concession, M. Colin said the Japanese had promised to turn on the water in a few days.

He added, however, that the matter was unimportant because the Concession authorities had arranged for an adequate water supply from the river.

EMBARGO WITHDRAWN

When questioned on the Concession's food supply, M. Colin ex-against Chinese taking food into the French Concession had been imposed only for two days, and food was now permitted to enter.

Reuter's correspondent visited the market and found it filled with provisions, indicating there is no fear of starvation.—Reuter.

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On the Peiping-Mukden Railway, the Federal Reserve Bank currency was in use, except for the Manchurian section, where Manchurian currency was used.

Interest on the Peiping-Mukden Railway loan had been paid to date, the Foreign Secretary having communicated with the British Ambassador in Tokyo regarding other obligations secured on these railways.

Mr. Moreing asked if the Government were really satisfied with these continual excuses regarding survey of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway.

He said it was some months since he had raised the matter.

"MILITARY REASONS"

Mr. Butler said he appreciated Mr. Moreing's anxiety which was shared by the Government.

The Japanese Note declared that the same military reasons that made inspection difficult before, made it difficult now.—Reuter.

M. DALADIER'S TOUR OF TUNIS AND CORSICA

PARIS TO-DAY.

THE FRENCH PREMIER, M. EDOUARD DALADIER, PLANS TO VISIT TUNIS AND CORSICA THE DAY AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE PRESENT PARLIAMENTARY SESSION, WHEN THE FINAL BUDGET VOTE HAS BEEN TAKEN.

It is probable that M. Daladier will go in a warship, and units of the fleet will participate in demonstrations arranged for his arrival in Tunis after he has visited Corsica.

He may also visit Algeria.

"Le Jour" says that M. Daladier will sail in the cruiser "Foch" accompanied by two cruisers, a flotilla of destroyers, submarines and a squadron of aeroplanes.

The Minister of Marine, M. Campinchi, who is a Corsican, will welcome M. Daladier at Ajaccio, where he will make a short stay before going to Tunis. It is believed the Premier will visit the Tunis Maginot Line, facing the frontier of Libya, Italian territory.—Reuter.

PAKHOI TENSION

Wuchow, To-day.

Renewed tension is reported at Pakhoi.

Two Japanese warships anchored off Fongshing loosed off a barrage to cover the landing of a batch of bluejackets.—Central News.

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JUNIOR MEMBERS OF CHAMBERLAIN MINISTRY IN REVOLT: PALACE VISIT

London, To-day.

Even well-informed quarters are at loss to know what will be the final outcome of the "revolt" of the junior members of Government, who have been demanding the removal from office of three Cabinet members, namely Mr. Hore-Belisha, Sir Thomas Inskip and Lord Winter-ton.

The political correspondent of the "Daily Mail" says it is now certain that Mr. Chamberlain will reconstruct his Cabinet following his visit to Rome.

The assault upon the position of Mr. Hore-Belisha is expected to assume an intensive character, particularly as his own Under-Secretary of State, Lord Strathcona, has threatened to resign unless Mr. Hore-Belisha takes his departure.

There is talk of Sir Thomas Inskip being appointed Lord Chancellor.

It is also practically certain that Mr. Robert Hudson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, will lose his post. As some commentators are putting it, either seniors or juniors will have to quit office.

It is not unlikely that the junior ministers may vacate their posts before the fate of their seniors in office is decided.—Trans-Ocean.

PARTY RESOLUTION

London, To-day.

The crisis which seems to be developing in the British Cabinet advanced to a new stage yesterday when the National Liberal Group in Parliament passed a protest resolution against opponents of the Secretary of State for War, Mr. Hore-Belisha, who have asserted that he is incompetent and incapable of conducting the affairs incumbent on his office.

Mr. Hore-Belisha later visited the Prime Minister, Mr. Chamberlain, and held a lengthy conference with him. No report on the outcome is forthcoming.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Chamberlain visited the King to report to him on the situation.

According to reports, a meeting of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary in the War Ministry, Lord Strathcona, and the Parliamentary Under-Secretary in the Ministry of Colonies, Lord Dufferin and Ava, with the Prime Minister has been scheduled for to-day and it is believed that the friction in the Government will be the main topic discussed.

Political circles believe that the question will be decided in the near future but Government quarters maintain strict silence regarding the situation.

The King will leave London to-day for Sandringham to spend Christmas with the Royal Family.—Trans-Ocean.

SENTENCED AND EXECUTED

Berlin, To-day.

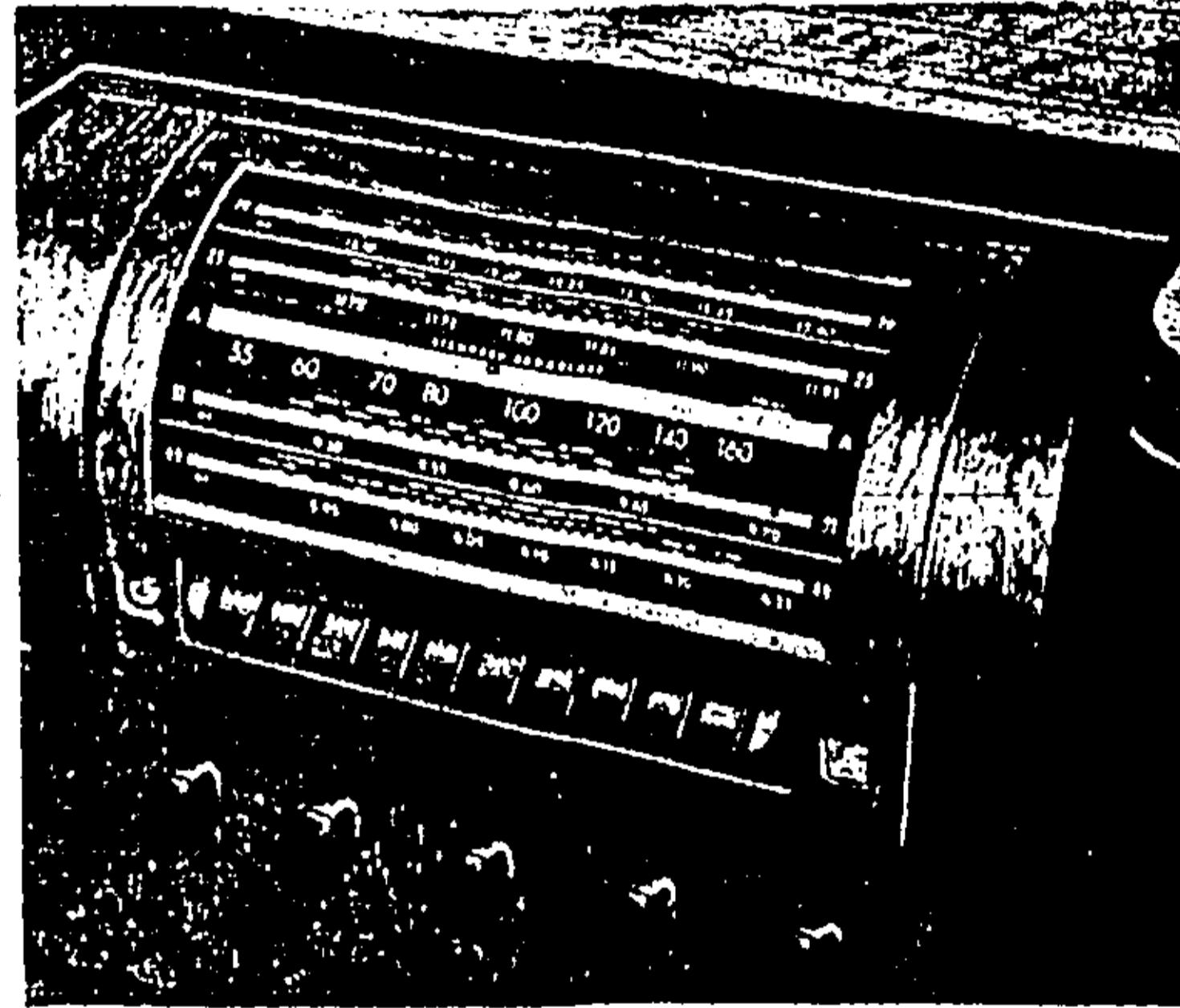
Sentenced to death yesterday, Peter Forster who escaped from a German Concentration Camp by killing the guard was executed.

Forster escaped to Czechoslovakia and the attempt by the German authorities to extradite him met with no response from the Benes' Government. The new Government turned him over to the German authorities several days ago.

An accomplice who escaped with him was captured several days afterwards and executed.—Trans-Ocean.

Mrs. S. Wates, of No. 224, Nathan Road, has reported that between 8.45 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. on Tuesday, she lost a wrist watch in the Peninsula Hotel.

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SIR JOHN ANDERSON GETS DOWN TO TASK

Announces Programme For Civilian Protection

Steel Shelters To Play Large Part In Scheme

London, To-day.

The Lord Privy Seal, Sir John Anderson, who is entrusted with civilian defence of the country, made a very long statement in the House of Commons yesterday on Air Raids Precautions, with particular reference to protection against high explosive and incendiary bombs.

Sir John declared that no plan would be satisfactory which provided protection only for a portion of those likely to be exposed to substantial risks.

Their aim must be to provide in vulnerable areas, well distributed shelters which were easily accessible after an air raid warning.

As far as possible, people must be given protection near their homes and places of employment.

They must recognise that there was no 100 per cent. protection against high explosive, and shelters proof against a direct hit were impracticable as part of a short-term policy.

Apart from the difficulties, Sir John Anderson did not believe that we were prepared to adapt our civilisation to compel a large proportion of the people to live and maintain a productive capacity in a troglodyte existence deep underground.

What we could and must provide was not bomb-proof shelters but adequate protection against splinters and blast and the fall of debris.

GOVT. RESPONSIBILITY

No public authority could make themselves responsible for providing this protection at the public expense for everyone.

Their responsibility was to provide protection for all who could not fairly be expected to provide it for themselves.

The Government would give the necessary technical advice to those who could afford to provide it themselves.

The people must be reasonably protected while at work, and responsibility for this rested primarily on the employer.

OBLIGATIONS ON EMPLOYERS

Immediately after Christmas, legislation would be introduced imposing certain obligations in this respect on trade and industry.

They would give protection to those caught on the streets during an air raid.

Communal shelters would be provided, either in trenches or other forms which would be carefully sited.

Basements must be strengthened, and standardised steel fittings would be made available for this purpose.

STRUCTURAL SUPPORT

Steel sheets would be fitted in peacetime with the least possible disturbance to peacetime use.

Structural support would be supplied to blocks of flats or tenements.

Respecting non-basement houses, a special type of steel shelter had been evolved in sections easily put together and placed outside the house and sunk about two feet in the ground.

The Government would accumulate the necessary stocks of these private shelters, and would bear the whole cost of material.

The Government would proceed immediately to place orders for a very large quantity of steel equipment.

PRIVATE SHELTERS

Private shelters for 10,000,000 people would be provided, and material accumulated for strengthening private basements.

The sum of £20,000,000 was required for this material, and would be borne entirely by the Exchequer.

Production of these large supplies would lead at once to increased employment.

Sir John Anderson indicated that the Exchequer contribution towards the cost of public shelters would amount to several million pounds sterling.

Altogether, protective measures were detailed for nearly 20,000,000 persons.

MANY QUESTIONS

Replying to supplementary questions, Sir John said the figure of 20,000,000 people for whom, under these special provisions, protection would be provided, did not necessarily represent the proportion of the population for whom protection would ultimately be available one way or the other.

Mr. George Lansbury (Labour): "Do any of these proposals deal with defence of the people against high explosives?"

Sir John Anderson: "I made it quite clear in my statement that the scheme does not contemplate provisions against what can be regarded as a direct hit by a high explosive bomb. It is contemplated to provide in the shortest space of time reasonably adequate protection against splinters and glass and from a high explosive bomb falling close by, and protection

against falling debris as result of explosions."

SCOPE EXAMINED

The Opposition questioned Sir John closely respecting the scope of the protective scheme.

Mr. Lansbury: "There would be no protection if a high explosive bomb dropped in the middle of a large block of flats or dwellings."

Sir John Anderson: "I agree."

Mr. Herbert Morrison (Labour): "Are we to understand that the Government rejects deep tunnel shelters?"

Sir John Anderson: "I have tried to make it plain that I am endeavouring to initiate a short-term policy which could be put into effect very rapidly."

"The provision of deep bomb shelters could not, in the opinion of the Government, form part of such a policy. Considerations other than those contained in the present scheme will receive further attention."

PRACTICALLY AT ONCE

Replying to questions about the period within which the work might be accomplished, Sir John said he preferred not to be tied down too closely to the actual date, but orders would be given "practically at once."

The advice of engineers who had collaborated with representatives of the steel trade was that the manufacturing operation of steel shelters and so forth was simple one, that supplies of the raw material were adequate and that after initial delay while the plant was being got ready, production would proceed at a very rapid rate.

NO UNDERTAKING

Sir Archibald Sinclair (Liberal): "Can Sir John Anderson assure the House that by the time we return from the Recess he will be able to say what proposals he will have for providing deep shelter accommodation, particularly in congested areas?"

Sir John Anderson: "I can give no undertaking at the moment."

Mr. George Lansbury again pressed the point, and complained that there was no protection for the people in the East End of London.

Sir John Anderson: "I should have thought that in those lowly-lying parts, deep shelters would have presented grave difficulties."

EVACUATION SUGGESTED

Mr. Lansbury: "I am not suggesting anything of the kind. What I am suggesting is that if you believe war may come, you ought to evacuate these people now and not wait."

Sir John Anderson declared that Mr. Lansbury had raised the point previously, and he (Sir John) had then immediately instructed his advisers to go into the problem. He would be happy to provide Mr. Lansbury with this advice.

Several members pressed that this Report be made available immediately, and Sir John agreed to do so.

Replying to other supplementary questions, Sir John said he would consider all other aspects of the problem of Air Raids Precautions as rapidly as possible.—Reuter.

AGAINST GAS

At the outset of his statement Sir John Anderson remarked that our preparations against gas were more advanced than other aspects of Air Raid Precautions, and were ahead of all other countries.

If the risk of gas attack seemed less than it did, it might be due to the thoroughness of these preparations.

Preparations against the incendiary bomb and high explosive bomb must now be brought to the same state of preparedness. In regard to the former, a plan had been worked out for augmented fire services in an emergency, and recruitment and training of personnel and provision of the equipment required was being pressed forward.—British Wireless.

JAPANESE MASS

Shanghai, To-day. Four or five divisions of Japanese troops are now massed in Hankow. It is not certain where they will be sent.

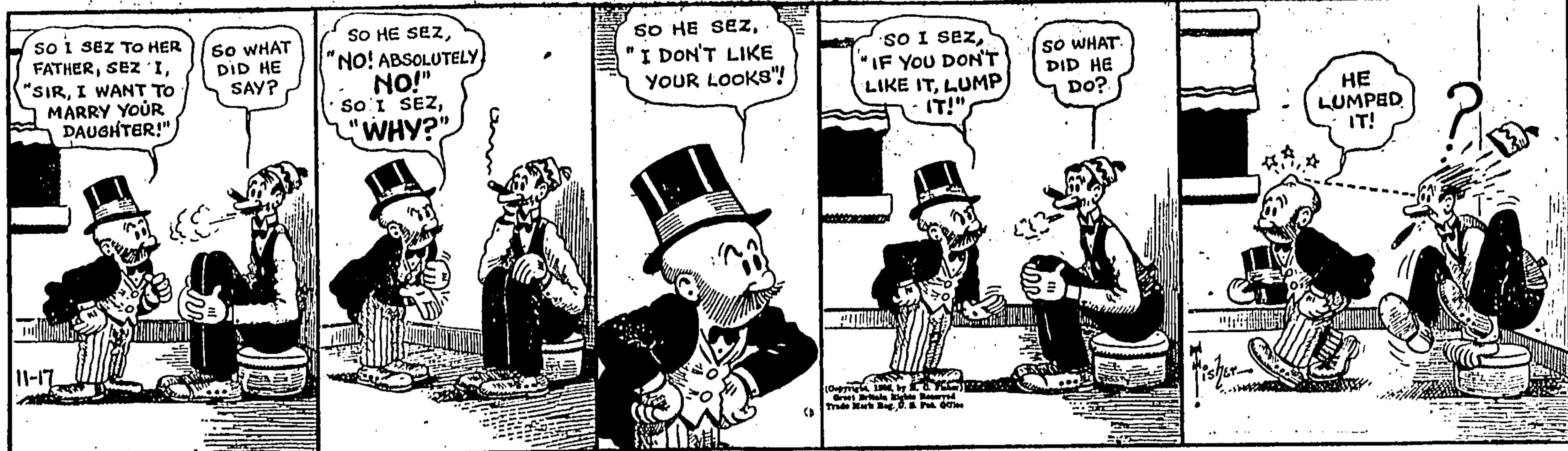
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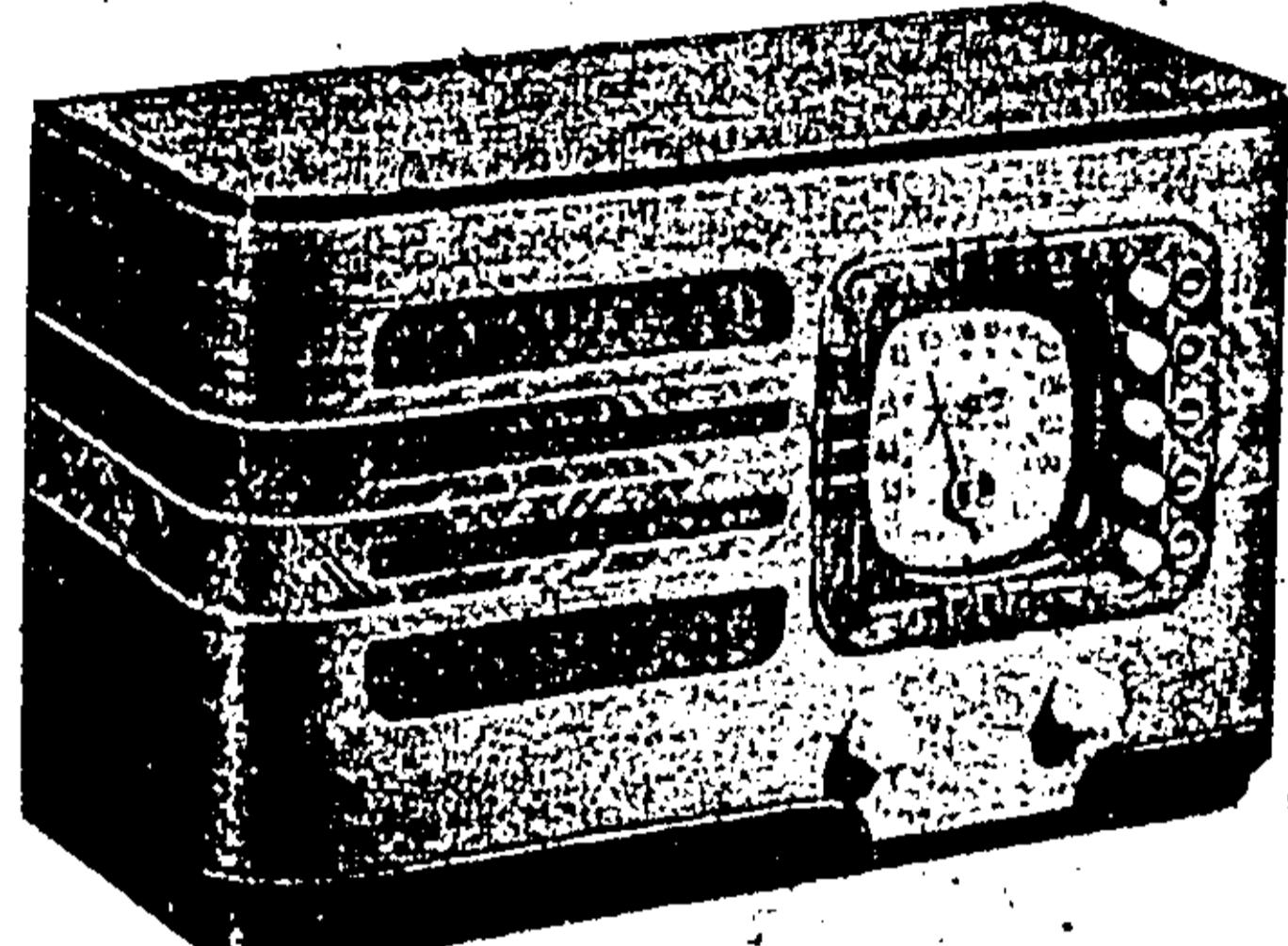
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**TWO SHOT IN
ARMED RAID
ACROSS BORDER**

A tale of robbery and sudden death was revealed to the Police in a report this morning from the New Territories.

In the course of a robbery by four men, one of whom was armed with an automatic pistol, a refugee from Chinese Territory named Fong Cheung-kiu, fell beneath a volley of shots, and a man named Fong Cheung-ming was shot in the left leg, whilst lying asleep in a corner of the house.

After robbing the inmates of the house, the armed marauders left the dead and wounded men behind them and made off in the direction of Chinese Territory, which at this point is only 150 yards from the village.

The alarm was raised and the son of the owner of the village lime-kiln opened fire with a rifle. Owing to the darkness it was not possible to ascertain the effect of his fire.

TRIED TO LEAVE

The police report said that at about 1 a.m. to-day, the robbers entered a house in Muk Fu Village, Sheung Shui and awakened the inmates by shouting "search."

They then searched deceased, his wife and his mother and took possession of all money they could lay their hands on, their haul amounting to \$240 Chinese currency.

After the search, deceased attempted to leave the matshed whereupon the robbers fired several shots, two or more of which inflicted fatal wounds.

A report has been circulated to all stations with descriptions of the men.

**UNITED STATES
AND ARGENTINE
COMPROMISE**

LIMA, TO-DAY.
THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE IS REPORTED TO HAVE COMPROMISED WITH ARGENTINA ON THE QUESTION OF DECLARATION OF OPPOSITION TO AGGRESSION ON THE AMERICAN CONTINENT.

As a result of the reported compromise, it seems likely that the declaration will have the unanimous approval of the twenty-one States attending the Conference.

Final draft declaration, it is understood, eliminates the phrase referring to "aggression from without."

It clearly provides, however, for consultation and resistance to aggression against any American Republic. — Reuter.

**HINES'
RE-TRIAL
DATE FIXED**

New York, To-day. The second trial of James Hines, accused of being implicated in various "rackets," has now been fixed for January 23.

Hines, at the first trial, escaped owing to a technical slip on the part of the prosecution, and his second trial was postponed.— Reuter.

**FRANCO'S
LOSSES AMONG
GENERALS**

Burgos, To-day. General Martinez Andio, Franco's Minister for Public Works, has suddenly been taken seriously ill. The nature of his illness has not been disclosed.

A list of Franco Generals who have fallen or died since the outbreak of war is published in the Nationalist press.

Generals Sanjurjo and Mola were killed in aeroplane accidents. Generals Cavalcanti and Cabanilles died as a result of illness. General Garcia de la Herran was slain by militia at Carabanchel in the neighbourhood of Madrid.

Generals Fanjul Godod and Fernandez Burriel were tried by military tribunal in Republican Spain, sentenced to death and executed.

Generals Lopez Ochoa, Ferdinand Villegas, Garcia Adame, Saro Muler, Milan Basch, Gay Borran, Paxot, Jimenez Arenas, Fernandez Aizpuren, Ferdinand Perez and Legerburu were seized by Republicans in various towns and executed.

General Capaz, High Commissioner for Spanish Morocco, fell in December, 1936, while taking part in an attack on the Madrid model prison.—Trans-Ocean.

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CAPITAL SHIPS FOR SINGAPORE

"Not In Public Interest To Disclose Plans"

London, To-day.

The stationing of capital ships at Singapore was brought up in the House of Commons yesterday by Lt.-Comm. R. T. H. Fletcher, Labour member for Nuneaton.

Lt.-Comm. Fletcher asked by what date it was intended to station at Singapore a fleet adequate to obviate the necessity for Australia to acquire capital ships.

Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, parliamentary secretary to the Admiralty, replied that it would be appreciated that it was not in the public interest to disclose possible future dispositions of His Majesty's ships.

The strength and composition of the Royal Australian Navy was a matter for decision by the Commonwealth Government, and their present intentions herein were announced by the Minister of Defence in the House of Representatives at Canberra on Dec. 6.

IMPERIAL DEFENCE
Mr. Shakespeare added that the United Kingdom Government would welcome any steps taken to increase the strength of the Royal Australian Navy and Australian participation in the complained that the Japanese embargo

mon task of Imperial Defence.

Lt.-Comm. Fletcher asked if the Naval Staff was satisfied that in the event of capital ships becoming necessary for the defence of Australia in the near future, they would be able to provide them.

"ACCURATE"

Mr. Shakespeare said that the Australian Minister of Defence, in his speech, said that Australia looked to the United Kingdom in an emergency to station at Singapore a fleet strong enough to safeguard the Empire's interests in the Eastern Hemisphere.

That was an accurate statement of the position, added Mr. Shakespeare. — Reuter.

PROTECTION OF SHIPPING

Complete plans for protection of merchant ships, said Mr. Shakespeare to another question, had been drawn up, and the collaboration of shipping interests had been ensured by the formation two years ago of the Shipping Defence Advisory Committee.

Details of the course were secret but the general outline has been communicated to the Mercantile Marine. — British Wireless.

SOVIET-JAPAN CLASH RUMOURS

Shanghai, To-day.

Reports that Soviet troops opened fire on Tuesday on Japanese forces cannot be confirmed, but rumours are ripe that skirmishes are occurring between the two forces and that several Soviet and Japanese troops have been killed. — Our Own Correspondent.

BIG ROBBERY SEQUEL

Two stonebreakers, Ip Choi and Lau Sang, both 20 years of age, were remanded by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, when charged with robbery at No. 91, Connaught Road West, on October 25.

It is alleged that defendants stole H.K.\$3,000 and \$130 in Chinese currency from Yung Yuet-ching, a sum of H.K.\$1,970 and \$2,445 in Chinese dollars, from Yung Wai-fun, and a fountain pen from Yuen Fuk-fui.

Detective Sergeant J. Allen is in charge of the case.

ALLEGED SOVIET ESPIONAGE

Los Angeles, To-day. Mikhail Gorin, manager of the local office of the Soviet Intourist Agency, and H. A. Fissalich, a naturalised American, were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury yesterday on charges of transmitting to the Soviet Naval Intelligence reports concerning the American defences. — Reuter.

SPECIAL SITTING AT KAUNAS

Kaunas, To-day. The Lithuanian Diet has it is announced been convened for a special sitting on December 23 in order to take cognisance of a declaration by the Cabinet. — Trans-Ocean.

KEPT HIM AWAKE: HE USED AN AXE

"That she kept him awake all night and that he did it in a moment of annoyance," was the excuse given at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning by Tse Siu-tong, 20, when charged before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen with wounding his sister-in-law, Leung Fung, 22.

On December 7, said the prosecuting officer, accused suddenly got out of bed, picked up a chopper, and struck her three or four times on head. She was detained in hospital for several days.

Accused was in the Mental Hospital early this year but was discharged as recovered. Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed.

JAPANESE GOODS IN HANKOW

Hankow, To-day. In spite of repeated statements by competent Japanese authorities that no commercial traffic is permitted on the Yangtse and that transport is allowed only of goods needed for military use, there is steadily growing influx of Japanese goods into the Hankow market.

Particularly evident is the high percentage of Japanese cigarettes, matches and sugar, offered by Hankow shops. — Trans-Ocean.



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WEDDING

Owing to the earlier departure of the steamer, the wedding of Miss Margaret Mignon Montgomerie McLay to Mr. William Hewitt fixed for Saturday, December 24, at 3.30 p.m., will now take place at St. John's Cathedral on Friday, December 23, at 2.30 p.m.

The reception following, as previously arranged, at the Hong Kong Hotel.

Hong Kong, Thursday, Dec. 22, 1938.

RUMANIA

Rifles crackled into the misty dawn of Rumania's Sarat Forest a fortnight ago. Three hours later thirteen bodies were hastily buried in the ground of Bucharest prison.

Among them was that of tall, lithe, romantic Cornelius Codreanu, leader of Rumania's Fascist Iron Guard.

Official accounts said the thirteen prisoners, all Guardist members, were shot while attempting to escape while on their way by lorry from Ramnicu-Sarat, where they were imprisoned after the abortive revolt last April, to the capital for examination.

Guardists tell another story. Event and interpretations so soon after King Carol's return from his European tour, where, proclaims the controlled Rumanian Press, he covered himself with glory, left Bucharest tense and excited, revealed deep feeling simmered since the April revolt.

Shooting was sequel to a long chain of political assassinations, one of which was discussed when the returned King met his Cabinet the day before and instructed Interior Minister Armand Calinescu to take severe measures against the Iron Guards for the murder of Stefanescu Goanga, Cluj University Rector.

Before the Ministers in the Royal Palace were a number of "death sentences," documents inscribed in blood by fanatical Guardists. These, assert his followers now, became the death warrant of bold, beloved Codreanu.

Hitherto conciliatory towards the King, but hating his Government, Guardists now threaten a contrary attitude, and Rumania nervously awaits the next sensation in the scramble for power.

Romantic medievalism surrounded the career of Cornelius Codreanu. In the wilds of Rumania, like the late Ramsay MacDonald in more salubrious surroundings, he loved to pose in the centre of drama.

To his party he gave a mixture of mysticism, intense anti-Semitism, and sheer brute force. Superstitious and imaginative peasants he impressed by appearing on a gaily caparisoned white horse at their midnight meetings in the heart of the forest.

His personality heightened the effect. His handsome figure covered in a brightly-hued medieval mantle, he would deliver a fiery oration and disappear. That

gave the atmosphere of risk and mystery.

Drab parliamentary walls somewhat quenched his fire, but even there he could not resist the histrionic urge, often dramatised the scene with a revolver flourish.

When his party was banned and his arrest ordered he escaped from Bucharest dressed as a woman. Always beneath his green shirt he wore a casket containing "the sacred soil of Rumania," which he displayed flamboyantly at the least provocation.

Codreanu came into politics in the same way as he went out—by a bullet. He first won notoriety fourteen years ago when, a student of Jassy University, he shot dead the prefect who had arrested a number of students for anti-Semitic outrages.

Acquitted of murder, he became the idol of the wealthier students, broke with former Fascist leaders, formed his own League of Archangel Michael, subsequently the Iron Guard.

Sentenced last April to six months for an insulting letter to former Premier Iorga, his trial led to discovery of a plot against the Government, and with other conspirators he was sent down for ten years.

Like many other leaders, Codreanu was not a native of the country he aspired to govern. His father was named Zilinsky, a Polish-Hungarian. His mother was German.

With Codreanu out of the way, other totalitarian aspirants are now striving to win his estimated two million adherents for the King's own King Carol II. Party, which aims at reconstruction, aided by British and French credits, on one-party lines.

Since then, the former War Minister, General Antonescu, chief of the moderate Guardists, was removed from command of the Third Army Corps, and confined to "house arrest" in his home at Bucharest.

Meanwhile, infuriated by the setback, younger Guardists have formed a "Battalion of Death,"—threaten reprisals against certain Ministers early in January.

The King has taken up the challenge, says he will demonstrate that a monarch born to rule may be as efficient as a dictator born in more humble circumstances.

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**League Ex-Officials in
Parliament**

There are now in the House of Commons four ex-members of the League of Nations Secretariat and one ex-member of the International Labour Office. The four are Sir Arthur Salter, Mr. Noel-Baker, Mr. Harold Nicolson (all original members of the staff), and Mr. Bartlett, who, like a former M.P., the late Reginald Berkeley, was at the London Office of the League. The former I.L.O. official in the House is Mr. W. S. Sanders. It is an interesting, and perhaps not altogether surprising, fact that Mr. Nicolson and Mr. Bartlett have been among the most successful broadcasters on international affairs.

Other former secretariat officials in London are the Spanish Ambassador and the Norwegian Minister. The British Ambassador in Rome was the first Secretary General, and those who have served under him in Geneva are the Italian Ambassador in Berlin, the Japanese Ambassador in Paris, the "laughing diplomat" (Mr. Vare), and a number of others who are now in the Diplomatic Services.

Wallace Harper Incident In Canton Again Discussed

Foreign Secretary Asking For Further Details

Representations Already Made By Mr. Blunt

London, To-day.

The case of the Hong Kong firm of Wallace Harper, whose premises in Canton were broken into by the Japanese military during the occupation, was again mentioned in the House of Commons yesterday.

The case was brought up by Mr. A. C. Crossley, Conservative member for Stretford, who asked as to the result of official enquiries into the case in which Japanese soldiers entered the premises of "Andrew Harper and Company" in Canton and seized motorcars and accessories there in spite of British consular seals on the building.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, thought the reference was to Wallace Harper's and not Andrew Harper.

The company, he said, was registered as British but a substantial block of shares at present was in foreign non-Chinese hands.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Butler said, had asked for details beyond those already received with a view to deciding whether any further action was requisite beyond the representations already made by the British Consul-General in Canton, Mr. A. P. Blunt.—Reuter.

UKRAINIAN AUTONOMY BILL REJECTED

Warsaw, To-day.

Holding that it conflicts with the Constitution, the Speaker of the Polish Parliament yesterday rejected a bill submitted by the Ukrainian members seeking autonomy for the territory inhabited by Ukrainians in south-east Poland.

A demand for measures to "eliminate Jewish influence from Poland's economic and cultural life," and for mass Jewish emigration, was tabled by 116 deputies of the National Unity Party, representing the Government majority.—Reuter.

R.A.F. PRODUCTION RATE DOUBLED

London, To-day.

Sir Kingsley Wood stated in the Commons yesterday that during 1938 the monthly rate of aircraft production had more than doubled and was showing a marked upward trend.

The Air Minister added that this greatly improved position would be further improved in 1939.—British Wireless.

HEAVY JAPANESE MOVEMENTS

Chungking, To-day.

Extensive Japanese military movements from North China to Manchuria continue, a Tientsin message states.

An average of six or seven trainloads of Japanese troops and military supplies, including tanks, and artillery pass through Tientsin bound north every day.

Owing to the congestion of military transport, passenger and freight traffic on the Peiping-Liaoning Railway has been almost totally suspended.—Central News.

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BRITAIN'S REFUSAL OF JEWISH REQUEST

LONDON, TO-DAY. QUESTIONED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY RESPECTING THE REFUSAL TO ALLOW IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE OF 10,000 JEWISH REFUGEE CHILDREN, MR. MALCOLM MACDONALD, DOMINIONS AND COLONIAL SECRETARY, SAID THAT TO MAKE ANY ALTERATION IN THE EXISTING RATES OF IMMIGRATION WOULD PREJUDICE THE POSITION REGARDING ONE OF THE MAIN SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE PALESTINE CONFERENCE.

Mr. Macdonald added that the Government maintained this position in the face of both Jewish and Arab claims.

Asked if the Government would reconsider the question of the whole number, and would perhaps receive 5,000 children, Mr. Macdonald said the Government had considered the possibility but considered this to be a breach of principle.

NO SOLUTION

Mr. Macdonald pointed out that the Government's decision did not necessarily exclude the 10,000 children permanently.

Relying to further questions, Mr. Macdonald emphasised that Palestine could not provide a solution for the whole refugee problem.

—Reuter.

INTERESTING SHANGHAI TRADE FIGURES

Shanghai, To-day. According to Customs statistics just published, Shanghai exported in January to the United States goods of a value of four million Chinese dollars, to Japan 3.8 million, to Germany 3.5 million, to Great Britain 3.4 million.

In February, to the United States 4.9 million, to Japan 5.9 million, to Germany 1.2 million, to Great Britain 1.8 million.

In March, to the United States 5.1 million, Japan 4.8 million, Germany 3.7 million, Great Britain 2.9 million.

In April to the United States 5.3 million, Japan 12 million, Germany 4.8 million, Great Britain 4 million.

In May to the United States 5.8 million, Japan 12.3 million, Germany 4.2 million, Great Britain 4.9 million.

In June to the United States 6.6 million, Japan 16.6 million, Germany 5.2 million, Great Britain 5.2 million.

In July to the United States 7.1 million, Japan 14.5 million, Germany 6.6 million, Great Britain 5.6 million.

In August to the United States 7.1 million, Japan 14.5 million, Germany 6.6 million, Great Britain 5.6 million.

In September to the United States 11.7 million, Japan 10.8 million, Germany 6.3 million, Great Britain 5.6 million.

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Other Powers are not allowed to do the same.—Trans-Ocean.

Communications In China Still Adequate

London, To-day.

"Certain proposals for guarantees in connection with exports to China are being considered," declared the Secretary for Overseas Trade, Mr. R. S. Hudson, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Hudson was replying to Mr. W. Craven Ellis, Conservative member for Southampton, who sought details of the proposal to assist, by export credits, the sale of lorries to China.

Mr. Hudson added: "However, there are obvious objections to giving detailed information while we are still negotiating."

Asked by Mr. James Hall (Labour, Whitechapel) regarding communications during the hostilities in China, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, replied that a certain amount of interruption had inevitably occurred, but it might be said generally that communications at present were adequate.—Reuter.

RUMOURS OF LONDON TRIP OF HITLER'S A.D.C.

London, To-day. The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, stated in the House of Commons yesterday that the British Government knows nothing of an alleged projected visit to London of Chancellor Hitler's adjutant, Captain Wiedemann.

Rumours of Wiedemann's forthcoming visit had been circulating for some days past and formed the subject of a question in the House of Commons by the Labour member, Mr. Arthur Henderson.—Trans-Ocean.

REFUSED SEARCH

Yiu Sai, 25, shop foki, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, with obstructing the Police by refusing search and assaulting P. C. Cheng Wing in Queen Street.

Defendant pleaded not guilty and was remanded for further enquiries.

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SURPRISE YUGO-SLAVIAN CABINET CHANGE

Belgrade, To-day. A new Stoyadinovitch Government was formed after the Premier had visited the Prince-Regent.

Extensive changes are made, some of them coming as a surprise.

Five ministers have been replaced in the new Cabinet. The Minister of Interior, Koroshetz, who was one of Stoyadinovitch's closest collaborators in the Government Party has been succeeded by the former Chief of Police in Belgrade, Atjimovitch, the Minister without Portfolio, Krek, becomes Minister of Public Works, the former Minister of Works Stosovitch, is appointed Minister of Mines and Forests, M. Kujundschitch is given the post of Minister of Education and the Mayor of Skoplje Panta, Jovanovitch, is appointed Minister of Posts. One new Minister without Portfolio, Snoj, entered the Cabinet. Leaving the Government are the former Minister of Posts, Tschwirkitch, the former Minister of Education, Magarashevitch, and two Ministers without Portfolio, Novakovitch and Hodjera.

The resigned Minister of Interior, M. Koroshetz, is expected, according to reports, to be elected President of the new Yugo-Slavian Parliament.—Trans-Ocean.

M. BLUM VISITING UNITED STATES

Paris, To-day. M. Leon Blum, Socialist Party leader in France, intends to make a tour of the United States in January.

Political quarters perceive a connection between the trip and M. Blum's repeated endeavours to obtain a higher degree of American interest and particularly that of President Roosevelt in French affairs.

In "Populaire," M. Blum has addressed repeated appeals to Mr. Roosevelt.—Trans-Ocean.

An officer of the Rajputana Rifles, has reported the loss of a wrist watch valued at \$250, between the camp and Fanling Road.

ROBBERY COUP ON BELGIAN STEAMER

Brussels, To-day. A theft of diamonds and gold-bars valued at 17,000,000 francs is reported to have taken place on board the Belgian steamer, "Elisabethville," which arrived here yesterday from the Belgian Congo.

The valuables had been placed in a steel safe and the thieves obtained possession without forcing the safe, which indicated that they were familiar with the combination.

As soon as the vessel docked, a detachment of officials went aboard and police were placed around the vessel to prevent anyone from leaving the ship or establishing contact with persons on land.—Trans-Ocean.

ROPER'S BUSINESS PREDICTION

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY. MR. DANIEL ROPER, WHO RECENTLY RESIGNED HIS POST AS SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, HELD HIS LAST PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY.

He predicted continuation in 1939 of gradual improvement in business.

Mr. Roper said that relations between Government and business had improved this year, and that the harmony between them was increasing.—Reuter.

DONALD COSTER'S ACTIVITIES

New York, To-day. Philip Musica, alias Donald Coster, head of the chemical concern who committed suicide a few days ago when his activities were uncovered, negotiated the sale of one to two million rifles to Spain.

This was revealed yesterday by Mr. McMahon, Assistant Federal Attorney, who added that the sale was never carried out.—Reuter.

SHIP AFIRE IN TRIESTE YARD

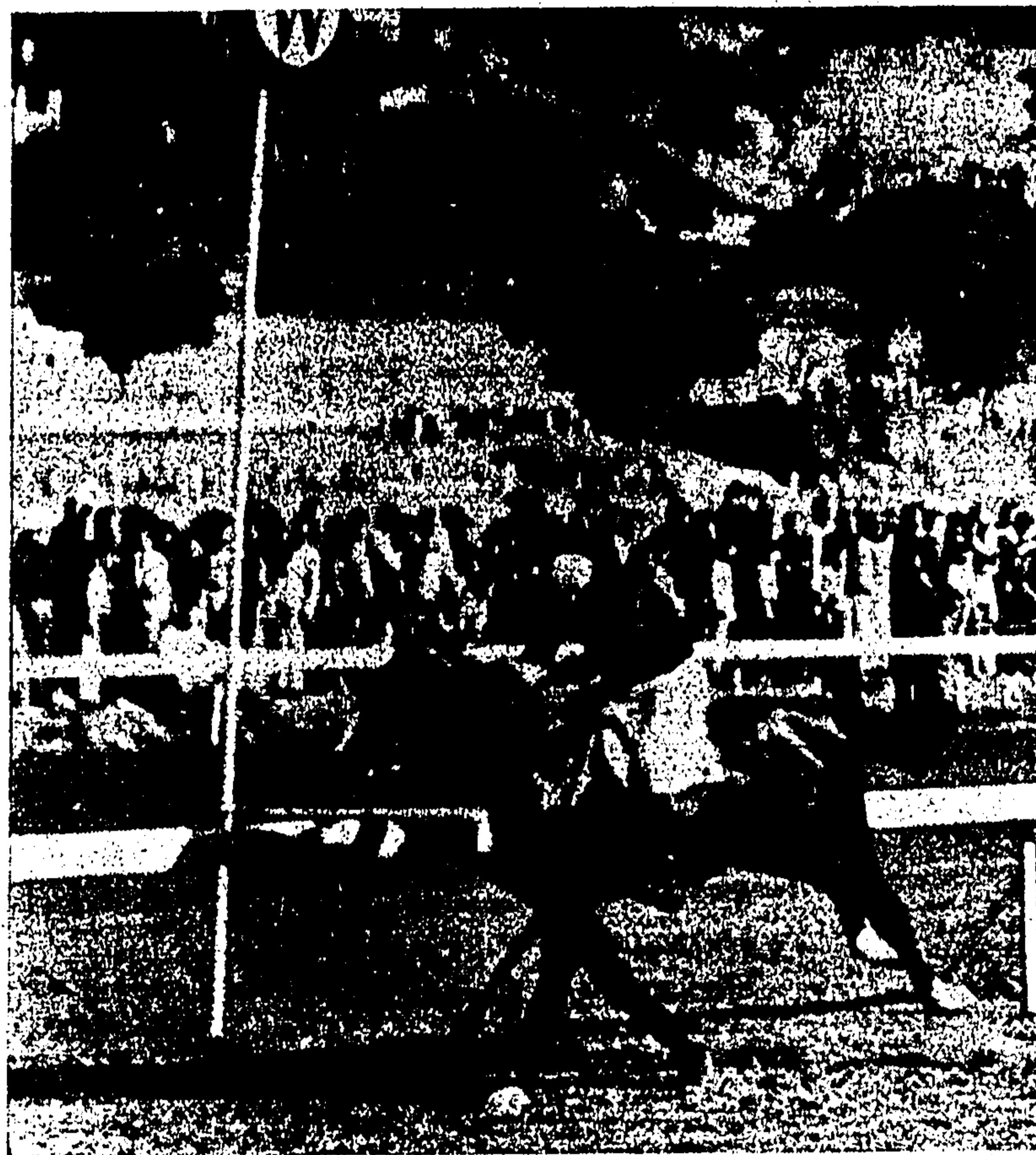
Trieste, To-day. The 28,000 ton steamer, "Stockholm" which caught fire on Tuesday while under construction in Monfalcone, has been completely burned out except for the machine rooms which were flooded.

The vessel which will have to be scrapped was insured for 90,000,000,000 lire with Italian companies.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPAN'S POLICY ON CURRENCY

Shanghai, To-day. It is reported that the Japanese in North China intend from the beginning of March, 1939, to proclaim Chinese bank-notes invalid.—Our Own Correspondent.

News Snack Bar



Shattering the record for the race, Silkylight (R. B. Moller up) comes past the post to win the Hong Kong Autumn Champions.

OCEAN FARE CUTS

Fares across the Atlantic will be cheaper next year.

Excursion fares planned by Cunard-White Star for the periods April 3-23 and June 26 to July 23 will save tourist passengers in the Queen Mary £12 10s., and third-class passengers £7 10s.

Similar savings in Canadian service ships will be £9 10s., £6 3s. Canadian Pacific Line cabin class fares will be from 10s to £1 a trip cheaper.

IN DEBT FOR 332 YEARS

An order for 2s. a month (and at that rate it will take 332 years to pay the amount claimed) was made by Judge Galbraith at Market Harborough County Court against John Francis Crowe, once Leicester business man, now manager of a small concern at North Kilworth, Market Harborough, sued by Norman Coates, Ltd., for £397 18s., said to have been guaranteed by Crowe for rent in Leicester. Crowe said he was earning 35s. a week.

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LORD GORT'S SON

AS CANDIDATE

The Hon. C. S. Vereker, son of Viscount Gort (Chief of the Imperial General Staff) has been adopted as Conservative candidate for the Blaydon Division of Durham at the next General election.

Mr. Vereker is an old Harrovian, who went to Munich University. He is twenty-six.

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THIRD DIVORCE SUIT

Constance Talmadge, the film star, has filed a suit for divorce against her husband, Townsend Netcher, whom she married in 1929. The original figure submitted to the Finance Committee was £1,250,000. Her two previous marriages—to John Pialogiou, a Greek, and Alastair Mackintosh, a Scottish airman—were dissolved.

PLANNING AHEAD—

AT £841,000

Cost of street improvements, redevelopment plans, sewerage works, etc., in Dover during the next five years is expected to reach £841,000. Hong Kong might follow this order of progression!

RED CROSS ARMY DOUBLED

During the past twelve months the number of certificates issued by the Red Cross (demonstrating the tremendously increased interest shown in ambulance work of all kinds) jumped from 36,546 to 70,597. Nearly double.

That fact was disclosed at the meeting of the Red Cross Society in London.

It was also stated that on September 15 requisition was received from the War Office for approximately 1,000 V.A.D. members to hold themselves in readiness to join regular military hospitals . . . at forty-eight hours' notice.

Sir Arthur Stanley, Executive Chairman, announced that in the event of war it had been decided that the Order of St. John and the Red Cross Society should work together.

A meeting of the Joint War Committee would be summoned.

The Princess Royal and Princess Helena Victoria were present.

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MORE HOLIDAYS WITH PAY

About a quarter of a million tailors and garment workers are to receive holidays with pay as the result of an arrangement reached in London yesterday between Executives of the Wholesale Clothing Manufacturers' Federation and the National Union of Garment Workers.

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AGED 21—BUT CANNOT READ

When John Garratt, aged twenty-one, of St. Mark's-road, Tipton, Staffs, was stopped by a police-constable for ignoring a No Entrance: One-way Street sign, he said, "I'm sorry. I can't read." At Brierley Hill Police Court he was fined 7s. 6d.

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PULL YOUR SOCKS UP!

"Children, I have a word for you—the King is coming, so I hope you will all brush your hair and pull up your socks, for the King is especially interested in children." So said Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, when he dedicated a new power dam at Renfrew, Ontario.

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THE TOMBS—Famous U. S. prison is for sale. It looks almost picturesque from outside—a strong contrast to the scenes inside.

MOVE TO BAN GRETNNA ROMANCES

An attack which aims at abolishing Scottish marriages by declaration before witnesses, ceremonies recognised since time immemorial, has been carried a stage further.

The text was published of a Bill presented in the House of Lords by Lord Strathcona which, if it becomes law, will put a stop to weddings over the anvil at Gretna Green.

Lord Strathcona is Under-Secretary for War. He has declared war on Cupid's centuries-old method of outwitting disapproving parents.

If he gets his way, all Scots-lovers must go to a church or to a registrar. And pay 5s.

Surely a way round any technical difficulties could be found . . . without killing the romance. There's too little romance as it is.

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"NO CONFETTI"—

PRIEST'S HINT

A hint that he would refuse to marry couples who arrived at the altar smothered in confetti, until they had removed it, has been dropped by the Rev. R. E. Underwood, Roman Catholic priest of Corby, near Kettering, Northants.



Megan Taylor getting ready for challenges to her ice-skating championship titles.

DIED TO SAVE 6D. FARE

To save bus fare—about six-pence—Francois Milhort, farm labourer, father of seven children, of Muret (Upper Garonne, France), walked home from work, a distance of ten miles. Near his home he was killed by a motor car.

"I suppose
I'm
fussy..."

... but I don't see why, at my age, I should put up with second-best... For instance, I'm fond of the theatre; but, believe me, I'd rather stay away than see an indifferent play.

... So that's why, when you offered me whisky, I asked you to make mine a White Horse. I daresay some men hold that one Scotch whisky is as good as another. Well, when they know as much about it as I do, they will think differently."

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COURTING FAILURE MR. EDEN AND ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS

Mr. Eden, addressing a League of Nations Union meeting at Leicester said that to attempt any negotiations with Germany in the conditions prevailing to-day would be "to court not only failure, but humiliation."

"The events of the last fortnight have reinforced the warning which a number of persons who have spent many years in the study of foreign affairs have never ceased to utter for months past," he said.

"What is the nature of the warning? Surely this, that while it is right to desire to improve relations with any foreign Government, it is not only prudent but indispensable to have regard to the conditions in which negotiations take place.

"The form of a foreign Government, whether it be Fascist or Communist, does not concern us, but its conduct does.

"It is, indeed, vital to the success of any international negotiations that they should be based on confidence in each other's good faith, and there can be no such confidence where one of the parties openly glories in the violation of the engagements it has entered into with other Powers.

DENIAL OF CIVILISATION

"There can be no such confidence where one of the parties, by its treatment of a section of its own population, denies all previous conceptions of progress and of civilisation.

"It has now, therefore, once again become apparent that the conditions of negotiation and the records of negotiators have a direct bearing on the fate and value of the negotiations themselves.

"If elementary precautions are ignored, the country that ignores them soon finds itself in the unavoidable position of doing all the giving, while the other does all the taking. What else can any of us expect?

"This at least is certain; it is unthinkable that Britain should even contemplate discussions which might involve, however remotely, the transfer of native populations, without having regard to the conditions under which such populations would have to live.

"Concessions that might have been at least discussable in some conditions, become inconceivable in

others. That such is the mind of the British people there can be no doubt."

THE GOVERNING PRINCIPLE

"In such conditions the governing principle of British foreign policy should be whether any action would strengthen or weaken respect for international engagements.

"In the final result all progress in international affairs depended on respect for the pledged word. The world was suffering to-day from a surfeit of broken promises, and it had to make up its mind whether it proposed to turn a blind eye on such tactics.

"The most important case in point was Spain. In face of foreign intervention what should be the British attitude?

"Non-intervention is the correct British policy, but do not let us confuse non-intervention with indifference. The former is wise statesmanship; the latter can be blind folly.

"The presence of foreigners in Spain must always directly concern us. Geographically Spain lies athwart our communications, both in the Atlantic and in the Mediterranean.

"DANGEROUS POLICY"

"Any development of policy, therefore, which failed to take account of the possible influence of foreign elements in parts of Spanish territory on our vital strategic communications and on those of France would be highly dangerous to our joint interests.

"It is both just and expedient that we should seek to hold the scales even between both sides in Spain.

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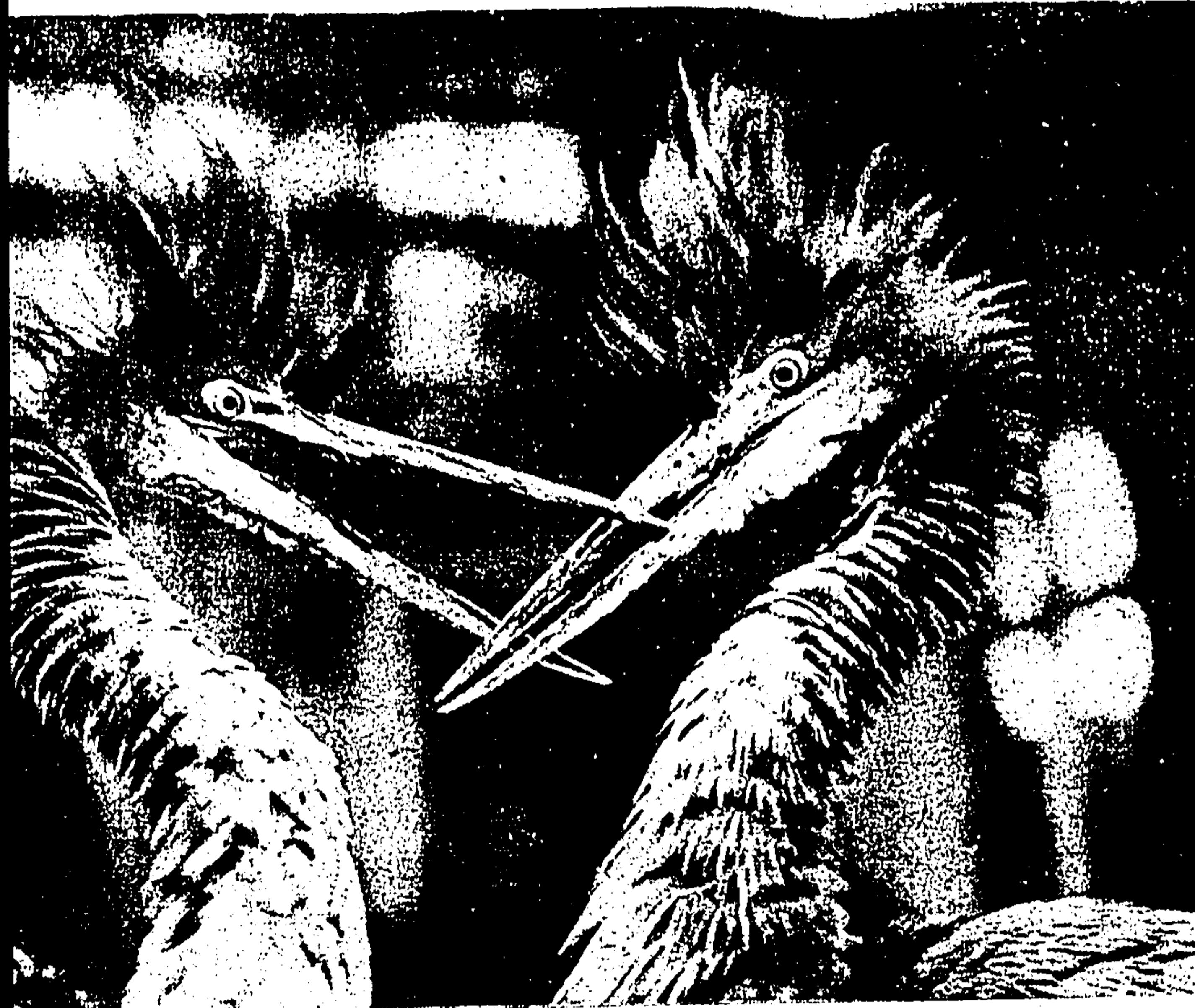
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disgusted world opinion, just as it
has, I feel sure, disgusted a large
section of German opinion.

"I feel that the best and perhaps
the only, safeguard for civilisation
in a world that has been turned
topsy-turvy, is that there should be
a common, and indeed a spontaneous,
reaction to events on the part of the British and American peoples.

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the roots of a common tradition of
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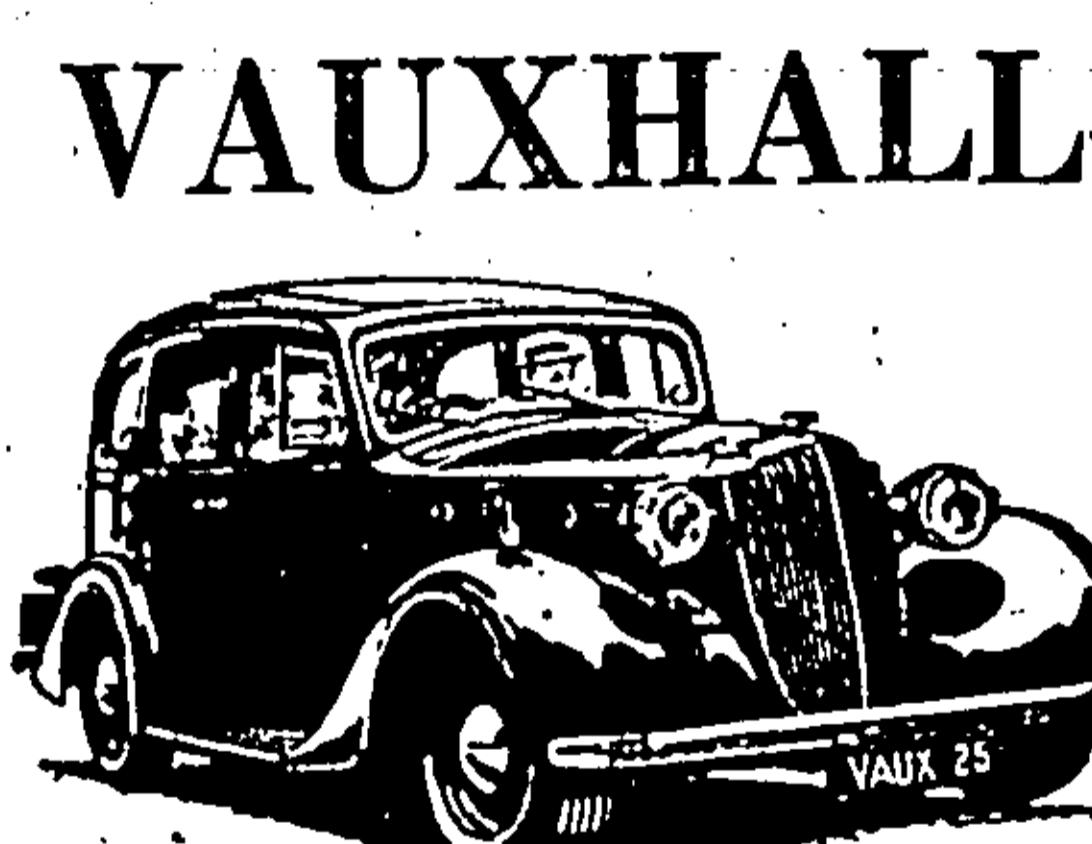
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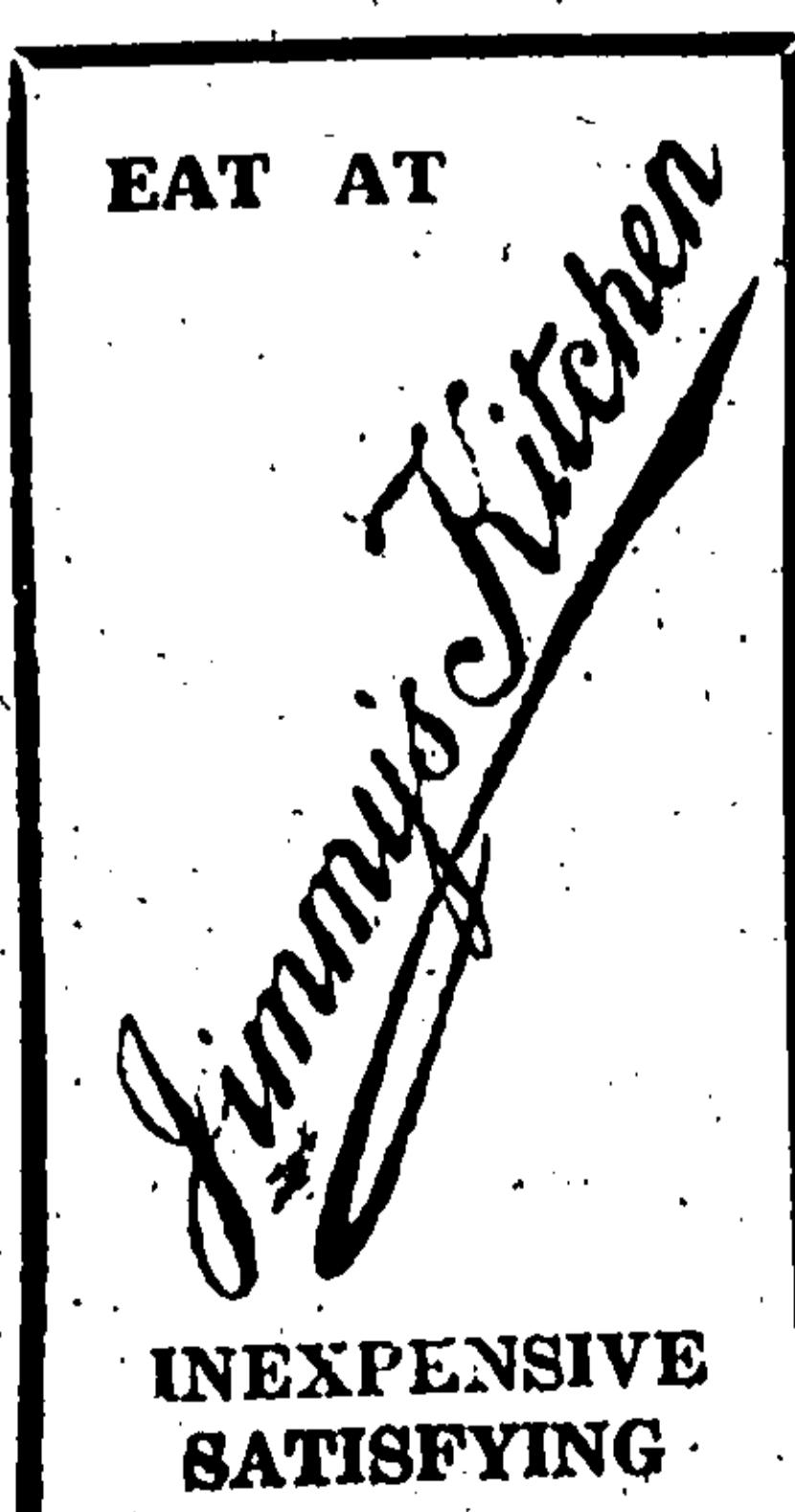


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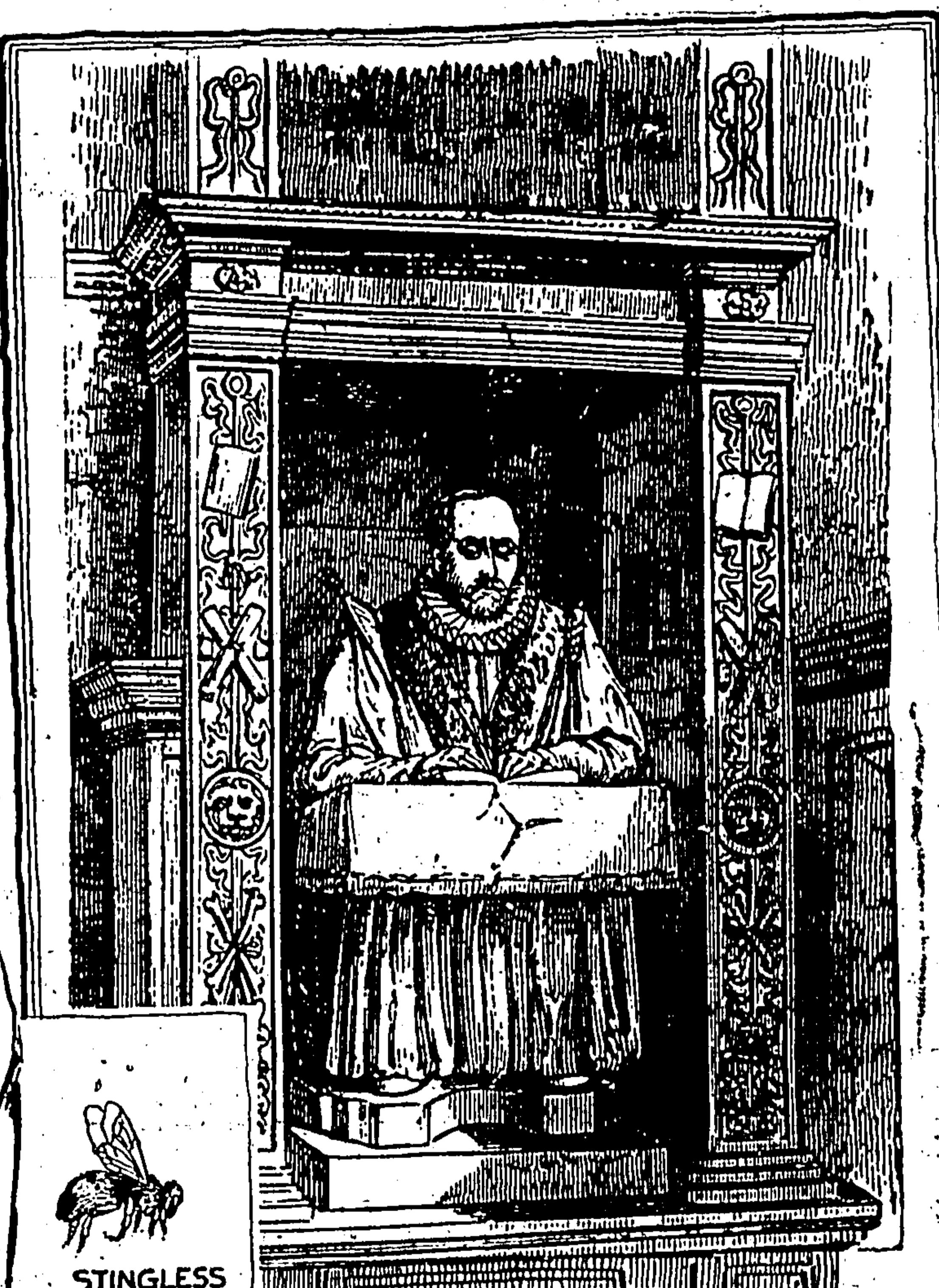


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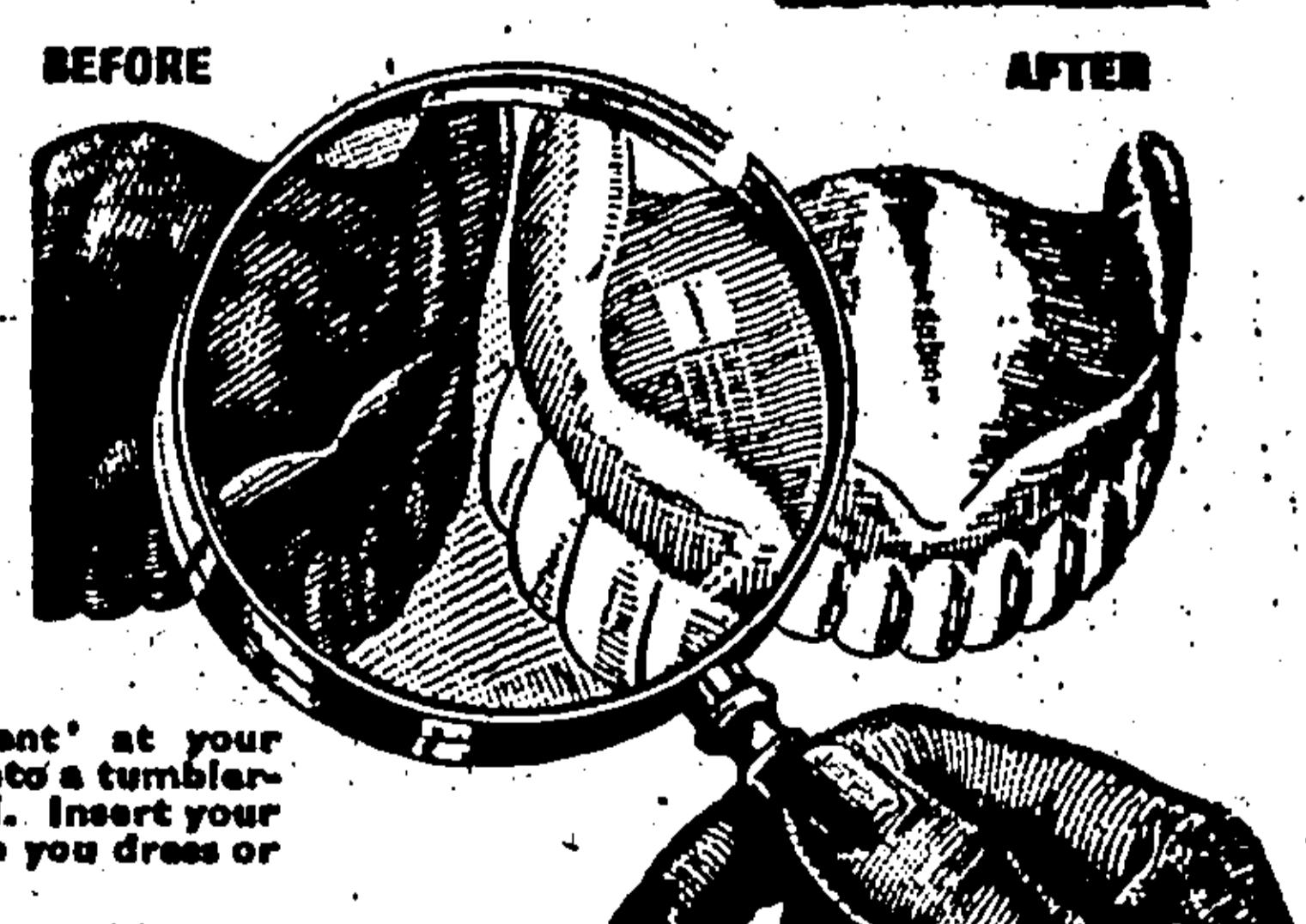
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DRY, TENDER SKIN REQUIRES SPECIFIC PREVENTATIVE TREATMENT

Dry skin seems to be a nationwide feminine problem, and when football weather comes along, women everywhere frantically seek a treatment, or beauty aids, to prevent their skin from becoming harshly irritated and unlovely.

Peculiar to a dry skin condition is the fact that many women cannot use a foundation cream or lotion with good results. Some skin textures will not absorb these formulas sufficiently, to allow the make-up to be applied smoothly and remain intact. And many women tell me that a too rich cream left on overnight causes a slight irritation which is reason enough to discontinue its use.

SPECIFIC AIDS NEEDED

It stands to reason that a dry skin needs lubrication. Nourishment from within such as cod-liver oil affords, or halibut oil, is of course to be desired. But until the skin can draw such nourishment from an active blood stream something must be done locally to keep the skin protected.

To my desk has come a most delicate of oils which claims to be a normalizer for these dry, tender skins. It does not claim to be a beautifier complete in itself, for you may continue to use the cosmetics of which you have grown fond, in conjunction with it.

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Mr. O. E. C. Marton and Miss Phoebe Anne Dodwell, who were married at St. John's Cathedral yesterday. Distinguished guests included His Excellency the Governor.

Governor Attends Marton-Dodwell Nuptials

At a 3 o'clock ceremony performed yesterday at St. John's Cathedral, Miss Phoebe Anne Dodwell, eldest daughter of the Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell and Mrs. Dodwell, of 301, The Peak, Hong Kong, and of Woking, Surrey, became the bride of Mr. Oliver Egerton Christopher Marton, son of Lieutenant Colonel R. O. Marton, C.M.G., D.S.O., late of the Royal Artillery, and Mrs. Marton, of New Romney, Kent.

Dean Wilson officiated in the presence of His Excellency The Governor, and some 400 friends of both the bride and groom.

The bride's gown, which was designed and made by Madame Sophie Costides, was exquisitely simple and fashioned of white brocade, patterned with silver leaves. It had a high softly draped neckline with long, close-fitted sleeves cleverly draped to give that square look to the shoulders. The skirt was nothing more than a slender shimmering column that ended in a long square cut train. Orange blossoms trimmed the upright pointed halo which held the veil in place, and the bride's bouquet was a mixture of Lilies-of-the-Valley, Madonna Lilies and African daisies, arranged by The Clover Flower Shop.

Mrs. S. H. Dodwell was matron-of-honour, and looked very stately in a long gown of burgundy coloured chiffon velvet, with three-quarter length Bishop sleeves, also designed by Madame Costides. With it Mrs. Dodwell wore a picture hat of matching burgundy shade.

The bridesmaids were the Misses Diana and Patricia Dodwell, Peggy Humphreys and Betty Fair; little Miss Penelope Dodwell being the only flower girl. All five were similarly dressed in ankle-length gowns of white chiffon with bust-length gathered bodice, and bands of ruching trimming the bodice and hem. Their arms from knuckles to wrist were covered in mittens of white chiffon. The four bridesmaids had their hair done the new up-swept way, and a bandeau of white flat feathers served to enhance their appearance as well as keep obedient the high piled-up curls. The bouquets they carried were arranged

by The Clover Flower Shop in a Victorian manner, with gold paper lace and lavender ribbon framing the pretty mixture of violets, sweet peas and other blooms.

The duties of best-man were assumed by Mr. R. G. Geer, and the groomsmen were Messrs. K. A. Munro, R. H. Griffiths, W. E. Grieve, P. Lloyd and T. A. Pearce. The bride was given away by her father.

Following the church ceremony, one of the largest wedding receptions ever to be given locally, was held in the Hong Kong Club Annex, and at which some 400 guests were present. Owing to the recent death of Lady Northcote's mother, His Excellency was unable to attend at this function.

The newlyweds are spending their honeymoon at Dalat in French Indo-China, and for her going away dress the bride chose an ensemble

WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

(By MARY BLAKE)

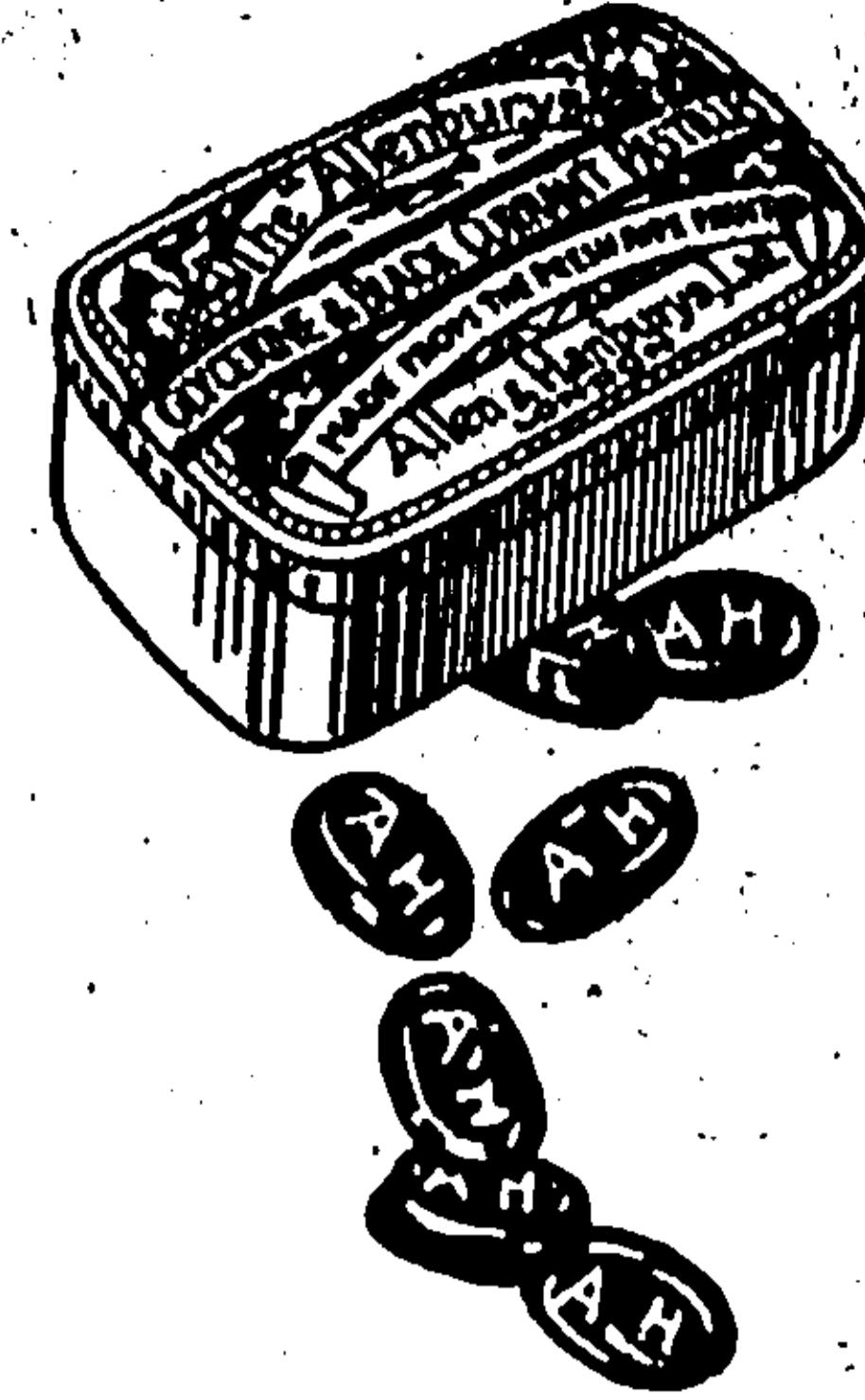
If December 22 is your birthday anniversary, you were born under the Zodiacal sign Capricorn. You probably do not get excited easily, have an analytical mind and employ efficient methods in your work. Many of your ideas may be so radical that you may find yourself continuously engaged in arguments. You are energetic, sympathetic and loyal to your friends. Whatever you accomplish is usually the result of hard work, for Fate seems to decree that people born on this date have to win their own rewards through earnest endeavour. By being courageous you will always be able to overcome difficulties. You ought to have remarkable psychic powers. You are perhaps very sensitive, particularly regarding the treatment accorded to you by relatives and friends. Saturday should always prove to be an auspicious day for your personal affairs. Married and engaged couples, as well as sweethearts, might do well to remember that the Moonstone and garnet are the natal stones of those born on this date, and that the snowdrop, amaranth and flaxweek are numbered among their natural affinities.

If a woman and December 22 is your birthday, you must never give in to despondency because it may result in adverse physical conditions. Green is a colour you should affect. You should have a great deal of endurance and may attain a position of distinction by making good use of some talent. Your sense of humour may make you inclined to be a great joker. Through professional dancing, singing, acting, teaching, writing, demonstrating, or selling, your earning may be unusually large. Marriage is apt to provide you with the companionship and love you require to make you thoroughly happy.

The child born on December 22 may be of a decidedly demure type. In its early teens it will acquire the self-confidence it needs to make it successful.

of blue wool crepe, set off with brown accessories.

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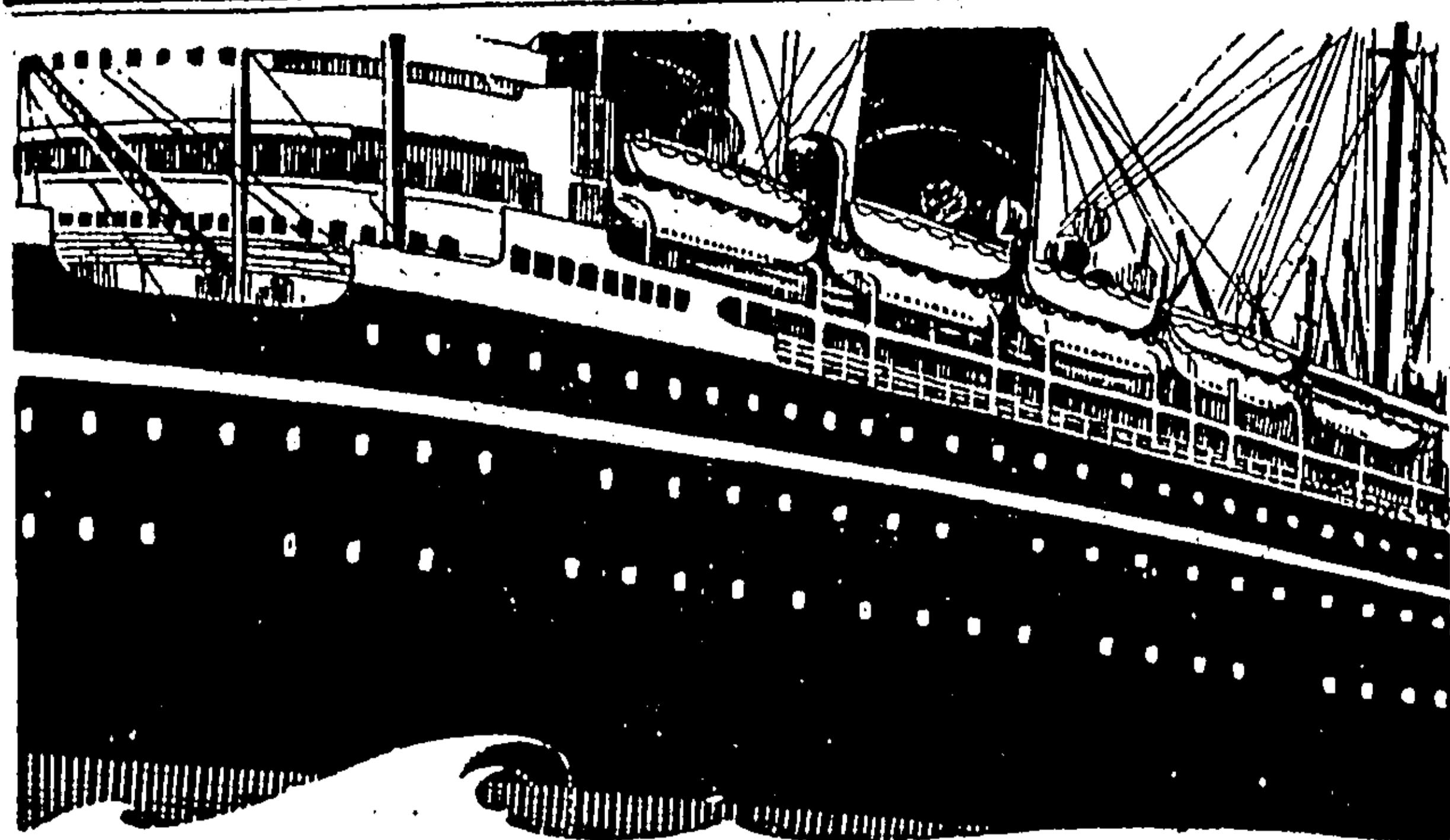
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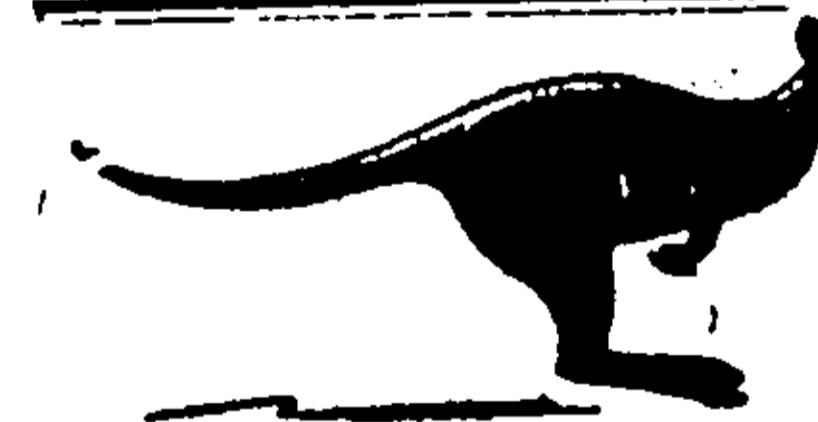
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Straits	Boissevain	December 22.
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Saigon	Jean Laborde	December 23.
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Japan	Tusima Maru	December 24.
Japan and Shanghai	Marechal Joffre	December 24.
Straits	Bhutan	December 24.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Yunnan	December 24.
Shanghai	Conte Biancamano	December 25.
Manila	Phemius	December 25.
Japan and Shanghai	Menestheus	December 26.
Manila	Pleasantville	December 26.

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Parcels and Papers only for Calcutta, Suisang Thur., Dec. 22, Noon.
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Airmail for "Imperial Airways Direct Imperial Airways Plane Thur., Dec. 22.
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Par., Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
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Ord., Dec. 23, 10 a.m.

Swatow Yochow Dec. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow and Haiphong Kingyuan
Shanghai, Japan and Europe (except Great Britain & Eire) via Siberia. Carthage Dec. 23, 10.30 a.m.
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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Sagres Dec. 23, 3 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand Atuta Maru Fri., Dec. 23, via Thursday Island—due Thursday K.P.O.—Reg., Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
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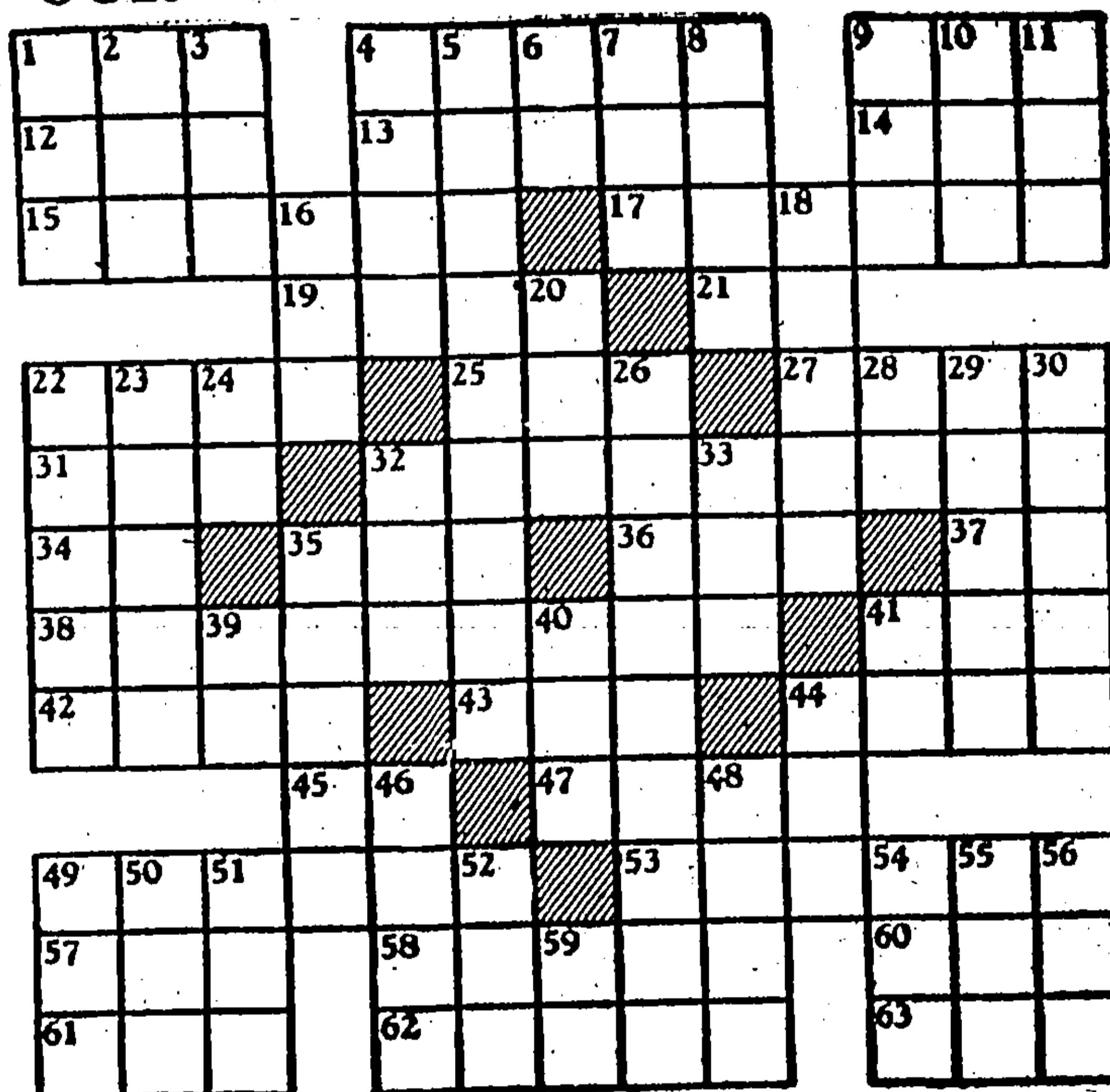
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- 4 Increases
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- 12 Part of face
- 13 Royal
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- 15 Deadly
- 17 Indigenous
- 19 Hebrew measure
- 21 Pronoun
- 22 Lighted
- 25 Small drink
- 27 Appellation of Athena
- 31 Interdiction
- 32 Alarming suddenly
- 34 Pronoun
- 35 Hawaiian dish
- 36 Dawn goddess
- 37 Preposition
- 38 Stigmatized
- 41 German "the"
- 42 Greek cupid
- 48 Rubber
- 44 Rail bird
- 45 Spanish article
- 47 Fencing sword

49 Midwest state

- 53 Crafts
- 57 Babylonian god
- 58 Small insects
- 60 Affirmative
- 61 Label
- 62 Newly-wed
- 63 Confronted

VERTICAL

- 1 Sick

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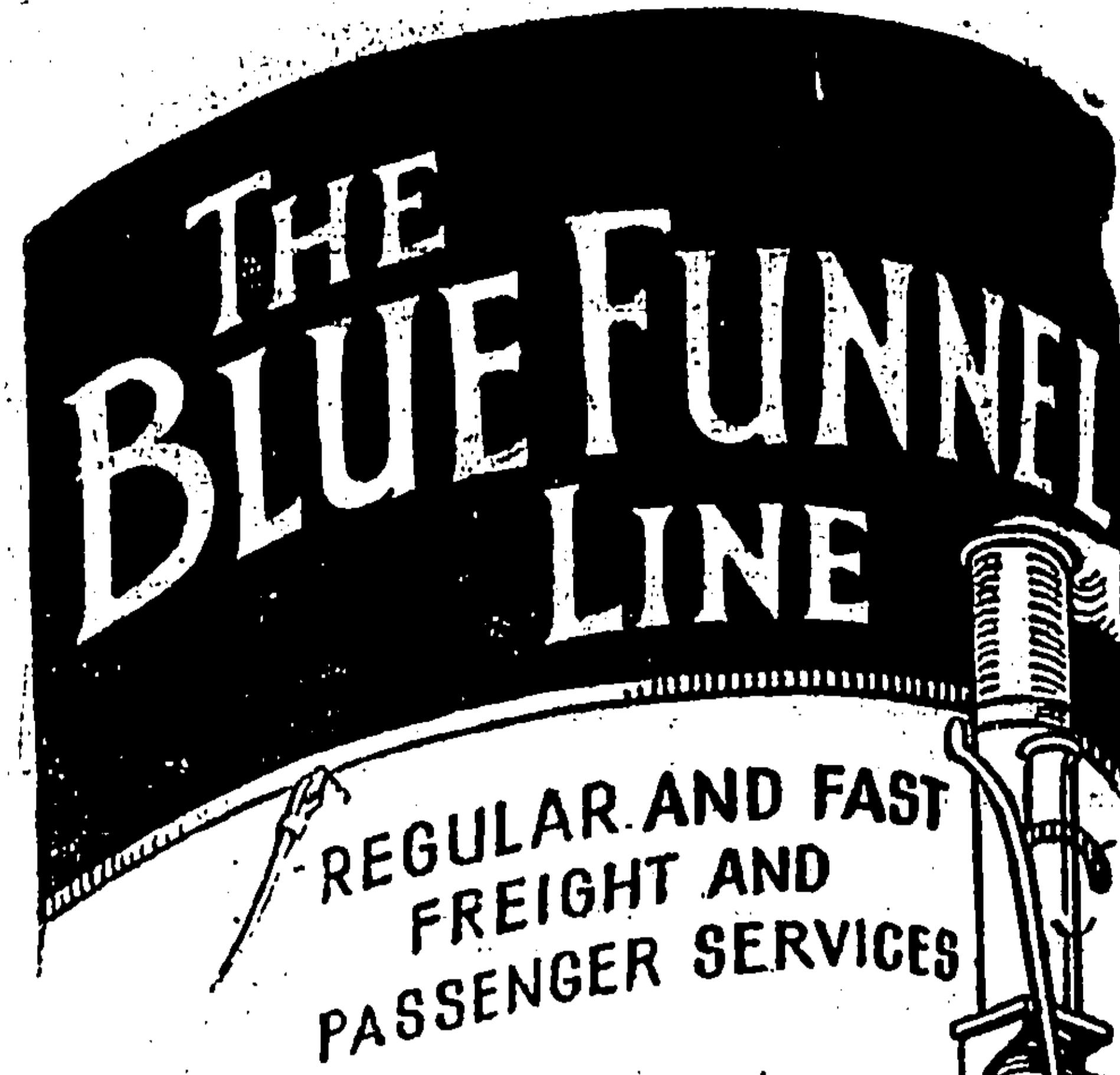
- 3 Appropriate
- 4 Metric unit of weight
- 5 Yielding
- 6 King of Bashan
- 7 Pale
- 8 Bridge term
- 9 Moslem name
- 10 Bulgarian coin

11 Epoch

- 16 Torrid
- 18 River ducks
- 20 Inlet
- 22 To dwell
- 23 Afterward
- 24 Preposition
- 26 Took first
- 28 Chinese measure
- 29 To enroll
- 30 Greek market place
- 32 Old French coin
- 33 Bushy clump
- 35 Sits for picture
- 39 Not any
- 40 Billiard stick
- 41 To perform
- 44 Large wave
- 46 Ovine animal
- 48 Language of the Gaels
- 49 Outfit
- 50 Constellation
- 51 Old horse
- 52 Gentleman
- 54 Obstruction
- 55 To scan
- 56 Coterie
- 59 Note of scale

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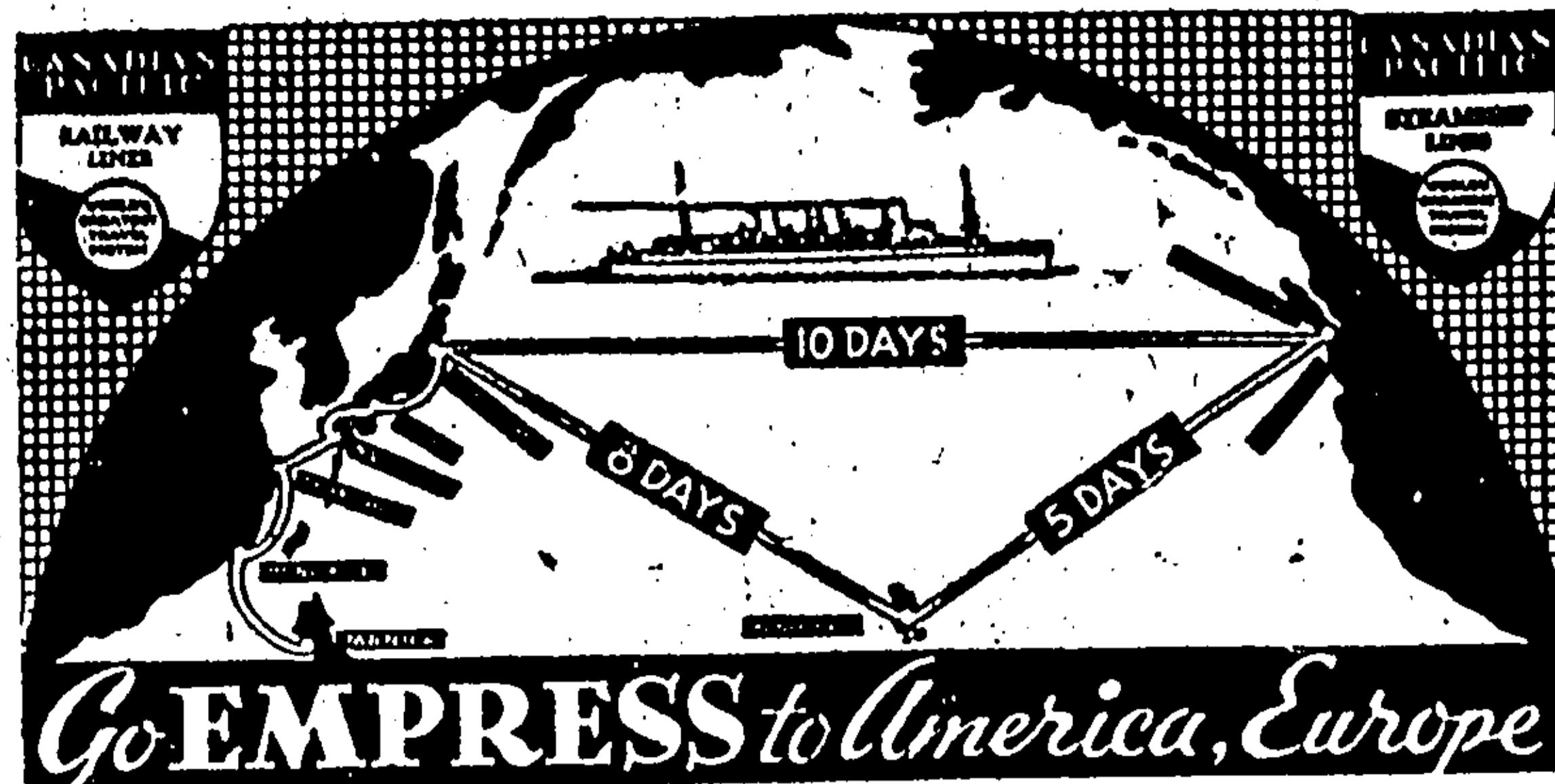
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It is declared that the aim of the conversations was to ascertain whether a basis exists for the opening of official negotiations between the representatives of German and British industrial organisations with a view to promotion of trade between the two countries and the conclusion of agreements regulating competition between them in home and other markets.

The conversations showed that a basis does exist and a report on the preliminary negotiations will be submitted to the governing bodies of the organisations.

If they accept the recommendations in the report, it is expected that an official conference will take place early next year.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH LOAN TO PRAGUE

London, To-day.
Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, informed the House of Commons last night that the British Government had transmitted to Prague the sum of ten million pounds.

Britain had declined to contemplate the loan of a further 20 million pounds so long as the Czechs declined to give certain guarantees.—Trans-Ocean.

PARKING TAX

Paris, To-day.
In order to balance the budget of Paris, the City Council proposes to introduce a new tax.

Motorcar owners who wish to leave their cars standing permanently on the street in front of their apartments or offices will be permitted to do so in future on paying a certain charge which the City Council now proposes to fix.—Trans-Ocean.

London, To-day.
The treaty of commerce between Great Britain and Greece will be renewed early next year. The "Evening Standard" calls attention to the part played in the renewal by King George of Greece whose recent visit to London greatly facilitated satisfactory conclusion of the negotiations.—Trans-Ocean.

JAP. TRAMP OWNERS TALK COMBINE PLAN

Japanese owners of tramp steamers met early this week in the Astor House Hotel in Shanghai to discuss plans for a combine operating on the Yangtse, it is learned by THE CHINA PRESS.

Although it had been reported previously that the meeting was convened in order to form a company holding monopoly navigation rights on the Yangtse as a subsidiary of the Central China Development Company, investigations revealed that of approximately 50 owners attending the conference, few owned more than two vessels.

It was reported that the owners of these vessels formerly operated under permits issued by the Japanese army and navy authorities, but owing to the withdrawal of these permits, they had been compelled to consider action to meet the new situation.

No final decision was reached at the meeting held at the beginning of this week, and it is believed that another meeting of owners will be held in the near future, following further negotiations with the Japanese authorities.

Dr. L. J. Davis, of No. 2, University Path, lost a clock from his motor car, parked near his residence at about 9 a.m. yesterday.

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JAPANESE PLAN TO PROHIBIT IMPORTS

Shanghai, To-day. Regarding reports that the Japanese authorities intend shortly to impose import prohibitions especially in North China, the Japanese authorities in Shanghai profess complete ignorance.

Customs authorities state that officially they have no information and that no definite ban has been imposed, so far, but they add that they are aware that import restrictions are to be tightened up considerably in the near future.

From reliable quarters, it is learned that a list of 92 articles, the import of which is to be prohibited into North China has been in existence for several months but that so far this list has not been issued and has not been applied, the opportune moment apparently having not yet arrived.

Speaking generally, foreign importers must be prepared for the likelihood of considerable restrictions on the import business being announced in the near future. — Trans-Ocean.

THE THREE BEARS

THE SECOND PERFORMANCE OF MRS. WOMACK'S LITTLE PANTOMIME, "THE THREE BEARS," ATTRACTED A FULL HOUSE AT THE HELENA MAY INSTITUTE YESTERDAY.

Every seat was sold and many were content to take "standing-room-only," and sitting on the stairs and lining the sides of the hall, following with applause and laughter the fortunes of little "Silkylocks," which was delightfully played by Vivien Ralston, and the romance of the Policeman and

LOCAL DOLLAR

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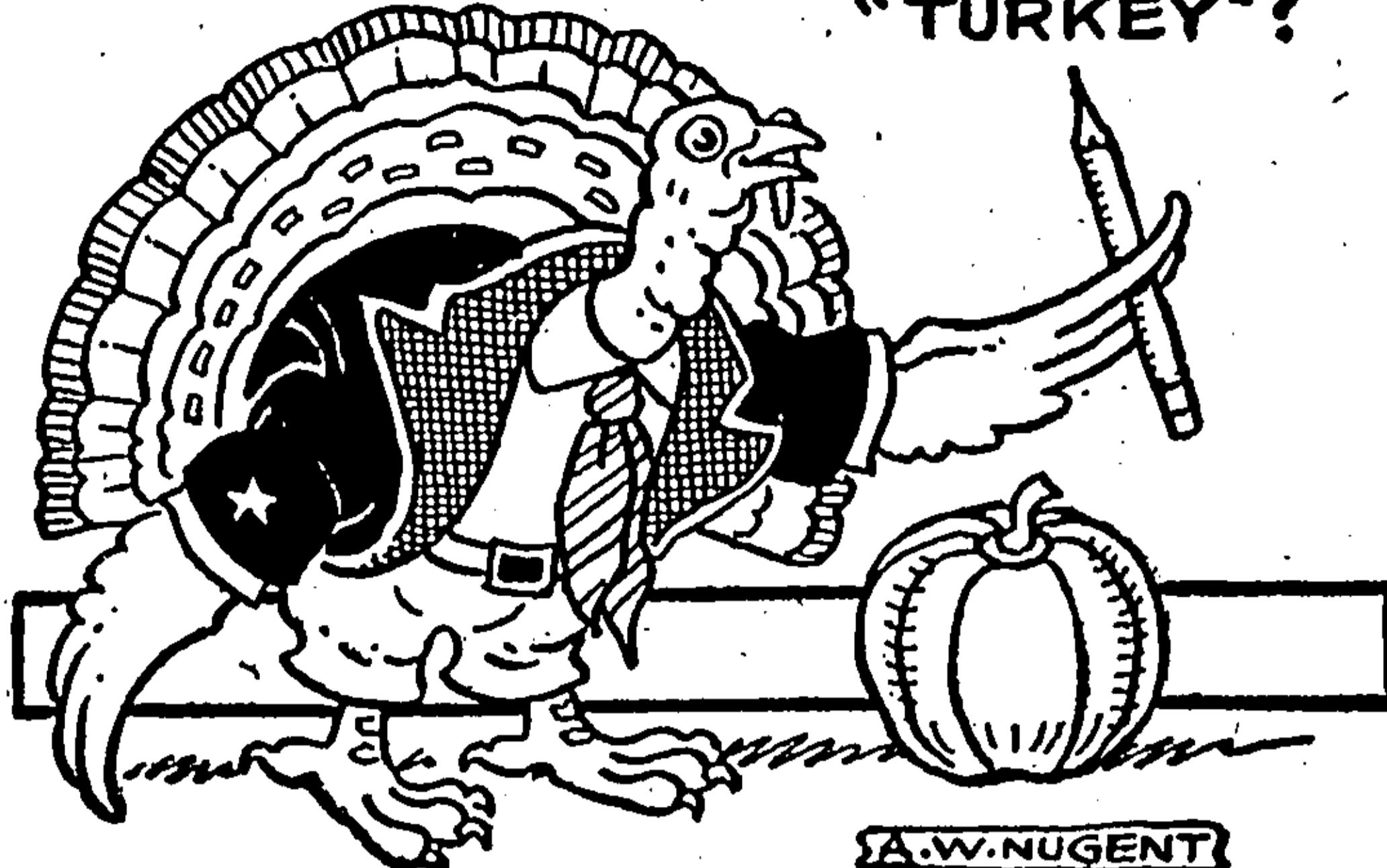
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THRILLING CLIMAX TO YEAR'S RACING

Many Upsets Featured 13th Extra

MR. EU TONG SEN'S REMARKABLE TARDY HANDICAP SUCCESS

(By "RAPIER")

BRILLIANT weather prevailed last Saturday for Hong Kong Jockey Club's 13th Extra Race Meeting, which also provided the finale for the 1938 season.

An exceptionally large crowd attended, and surpassed anything I have yet seen at the Valley for an Extra Race Meeting. The various events were keenly contested, and with the track in such splendid condition, it was not altogether surprising that the record for the Champions distance was lowered by Silkylight.

The first race, the Hong Kong Autumn Champions, over 1 1/4 miles, resulted as anticipated, but those who watched this race were hardly prepared for Silkylight's magnificent exhibition.

The race started with Bear Claw (Mr. Raymond) taking the lead, followed by Silkylight (Mr. Moller), Confusion Bay (Mr. Hearne) and Expression Time (Mr. Needa). Bear Claw was still leading after passing the winning post for the first time, with Confusion Bay replacing Silkylight.

This position was maintained until the half mile post, when Confusion Bay passed Bear Claw and was running so strongly that it appeared to have the race just as good as won. At this juncture, however, Mr. Moller appeared to have a little difficulty in getting Silkylight on the move, but once it entered the straight, the pony shot forward. After passing Bear Claw, it continued strongly to overhaul Confusion Bay and, amidst great excitement, it not only won the race, but shattered the record for the distance by 2 3-5 secs. The previous mark was held by Liberty Bay.

AS ANTICIPATED
In the second race, the Laggard's Handicap, for Australian ponies, the result again was not difficult to anticipate. After its previous return to form, there was really nothing among the entries to upset Able Amazon.

Ranger took a big lead from the start, with A Grand Time and Able Amazon following behind. When the six furlongs post was reached, Mr. Raymond urged Ranger on to such an extent that it had a lead of many lengths, but Mr. Needa, on A Grand Time, and Mr. Pan, on Able Amazon, did not appear to be unduly worried. Gradually they made up lost ground, and by the time the home stretch was reached, Ranger was rapidly tiring.

Able Amazon had no difficulty in passing Ranger and won by several

REMARKABLE FINISH

The third race, the Tardy Handicap, over one mile, which was also the first leg of the "Daily Double," resulted in a bitter duel between Double Chance (Mr. Raymond) and Plain View (Mr. Pih), and the whip was freely applied.

Tiny Star took the lead with Sylvandale and Double Chance just behind. Mr. Pih was satisfied to have Plain View in the rear, and it was not until the straight that he asserted himself.

In the meantime, before rounding the bend, Mr. Raymond sent Double Chance off into a good lead, and this certainly had the desired effect. Practically all the way down the straight, Mr. Raymond had to apply the whip, and, in spite of all that Mr. Pih could do on Plain View, he had to admit defeat. Ridden by Mr. S. C. Liang, Flybynight claimed the other position.

The Hong Kong Sub-Griffins Autumn Champions gave Salvage Master, ridden by Mr. Tao, practically a clear passage, which it won without being fully extended, but I was certainly not prepared for the support which Dekko received in the betting.

Dekko is certainly a game little pony, but over such a long race it is not in the same class.

The race was devoid of any great interest, with the ponies bunched together for most of the way. It was not until the straight was reached that Salvage Master asserted itself.

It gradually moved away and although it appeared that it was going to be seriously challenged by Piet Hein, an urge by Mr. Tao found a ready response from his mount, and it shot forward to win fairly easily, with Piet Hein second, and National Guard third.

A "GRAND STAND" FINISH
The sixth race, the Last Chance Handicap, for "C" Class Australian ponies, over one mile, resulted in an upset. Ridden by Mr. S. L. Yuen, Discovery Bay revealed its true form,



camps, these two ponies came tearing down the straight and it was really determined riding on the part of Mr. Needa that Lucky Lad secured the verdict.

The game little Snowy River certainly performed very creditably to take third place, but it was surprising to see Strathroy, former champion, put up such a dismal performance.

A THRILLING DUEL

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"REVIEWER'S" SPORTS COMMENTARY

Royal Regattas: United States Visitors

British yachtsmen and the big crowds who follow yacht racing at the coastal regattas, will have the opportunity next season of welcoming at least two, if not three, wellknown United States yachtsmen in the International Twelve-Metres Class.

Mr. Harold S. Vanderbilt, the most famous helmsman in the United States, and who has owned the last three successful America's Cup defenders, is having a new twelve-metres yacht built for racing in our Royal regattas. Models of the new yacht have been tank-tested in the Steven's Institute, New York, and the chosen model has been subjected to the most severe testing in every variety of "manufactured wind and weather." This is the first time a twelve-metres racing yacht has been so exhaustively tank-tested. Findings, as in the case of the phenomenally-successful "J" Class Ranger, are bound to have a revolutionary effect upon the lines of future twelve-metres.

Accompanying Mr. Vanderbilt to England will be Mr. Alfred L. Loomis, who is bringing over his twelve-metres Northern Light. A third American representative in this class is not unlikely. To meet the American challenge three new twelve-metres racing yachts are now being built for British owners, two in Clyde yards and the third is building at Gosport, whilst three of the more successful "twelves" are undergoing modifications with a view to making them faster.

There is also to be an invasion of United States owned cruisers and ocean racers which will make the voyage across the Atlantic to take part in the bi-annual 600 miles Fastnet Cup race, which is the Blue Riband of ocean racing. It is expected that the American yachts will also take part in the Handicap Class racing during Cowes Week, and around the Solent centres.

Royal Cowes Week will be several days earlier next year to allow the record fixtures' list to be completed. Traditionally, Cowes Week commences on the first Monday of August, but as this would be only on August 7 next year the Y.R.A. had no option but to forward the Week, otherwise the Royal Torbay Fortnight would have had to encroach too far into September. It is expected United States yachtsmen will take part in approximately fifty regattas around the coast.

The principal fixtures are as follows: June 3 and 5, Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Y.C., Lowestoft; June 10 and 12 Royal Harwich Y.C., Felixstowe; June 15, 16, 17, Southend Regattas, Thames Estuary; June 19, 20, 21, Royal Temple Y. C., Ramsgate; June 23 and 24, Royal Cinque Ports Y. C., Dover; June 28 to July 1, Plymouth Week; June 30 to July 11, International Clyde Fortnight; July 14 and 15, Belfast Lough Regattas; July 22, Royal Lymington Y. C., West Solent; July 26, 27, 28, Royal Thames Y. C., Ryde; July 29 to August 5, Cowes Week; August 7 and 8, Royal Victoria Y. C., Ryde; August 9 and 10, Royal Albert Y. C., Southsea; August 12, Royal Dorset, Y. C., Weymouth; August 14, Babbacombe; August 16, Paignton; August 18, Royal Thames Y. C., Brixham; August 19, Brixham Y. C., August 21, 22, 23, Royal Torquay Regattas; August 25, 26, 28, Royal Dartmouth Centenary Regatta; August 30, Bournemouth; September 2 to 3, Royal Burnham Week.

JUMPS RAILS

(By "RAPIER")

A very peculiar incident occurred at the Valley this morning in which a newly drawn subscription griffin, China pony No. 293 belonging to Mrs. J. H. Taggart, was involved.

Mr. B. A. Proulx took this pony out for its exercise. After reaching the winning post it jumped clean over the rails. Mr. Proulx was unseated, but he was able to walk back to the Paddock.



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Club Beat Navy At Hockey

2-0 Win In Triangular Series

W. A. REED GIVES BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE

CLUB secured their first Triangular Tournament Hockey win yesterday evening at King's Park when they defeated Royal Navy by two clear goals in a fast and exciting hockey game which was marred to some extent by rank bad umpiring.

Club were on the whole much faster on the ball than their opponents who, with the exception of Kennedy, at centre-forward, and Corrie-Hill and Whitworth, on the left-wing, were very slow in snapping up their chances, particularly in the circle where Willy Reed's brilliant defensive tactics repeatedly robbed Navy forwards of scoring opportunities.

Club forwards swung the ball about a good deal and their right-wing combination of S. A. Fowler and T. S. D. Whitley were very dangerous, scoring both goals between them, although Whitley's should have been disallowed as he kicked the ball fully a foot before netting through a crowd of players.

BOND WASTED

Bond, Club's left-winger, who plays right-back for Central British Association, was wasted and could have been seen to better advantage in the full-back line where he is more at home. Unfortunately he has little or no say in the matter.

Steele-Perkins was the pick of the four backs on display, making certain of his clearances and leaving nothing to chance. He covered Carr well and was rarely beaten for the ball.

Willy Reed played a wonderful game and on a ground where the ball was continually rising, made very few mistakes. Although Fowler and T. Whitley actually scored two goals, thereby contributing towards Club's win, by far the biggest contribution came from the Club pivot, whose remarkable defensive tactics completely bewildered Navy's attack and, but for his display, Club might well have left the field losers instead of winners.

RACING

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and won a grand race.

Mr. Yuen sent Discovery Bay in front at the start, whereas Mr. Poy, on Roofly, had a little difficulty in moving away, with the result that it had to make up a good deal of lost ground and this, no doubt, was responsible for its poor performance. Going up the incline, Mr. Needa seemed quite content to keep A Great Time about a length behind Discovery Bay. Coming into the straight, he called on A Great Time to respond, but unfortunately found that Mr. Yuen still had a trick in his bag. Despite Mr. Needa's efforts, he could make no impression on Discovery Bay and had to be satisfied with being second, whilst Strathcarrick, some lengths behind, finished third.

ANOTHER UPSET

The final race of the day witnessed a great finish. Here again expectations were confounded. As I expected, both Easy Time and Wenning found the distance too long, although the latter managed to secure third place. With several ponies in a group it was difficult to spot the actual leader, but I noticed that Tabby Cat, carrying 168 lbs. was in the rear.

Just before rounding the bend, Tabby Cat caught up with the leader and raced down the home stretch, with Mr. Encarancao on Mac's Adventure on the outside.

These two provided a thrilling battle for honours and, as on a previous occasion when Mr. Pih won on Wild Cat, with Mr. Encarancao riding Rose Evelyn, it was the application of the whip which decided the issue. So close was the finish that only a neck separated these two at the end, with Tabby Cat securing the verdict. It was a fitting end to the year's racing.



A Pennington, above, plays a very sound game at left-half for Royal Air Force. ("China Mail" photo).

Club:—V. M. Brenwell; W. Schnabel and E. V. Reed; H. J. D. Lowe, W. A. Reed and N. Whitley; S. A. Fowler, T. S. D. Whitley, G. E. R. Divett, B. I. Bickford and V. C. Bond.
Royal Navy:—Ldg. Sea, McBride; Surg. Lt. Steele-Perkins and Lt. Carr; E. A. Clayton, Lt. Firth and Comdr. Corrie-Hill; Lt. Arbuthnot, Lt. Wood, Lt. Comdr. Kennedy, Lt. Medd and Lt. Whitworth.

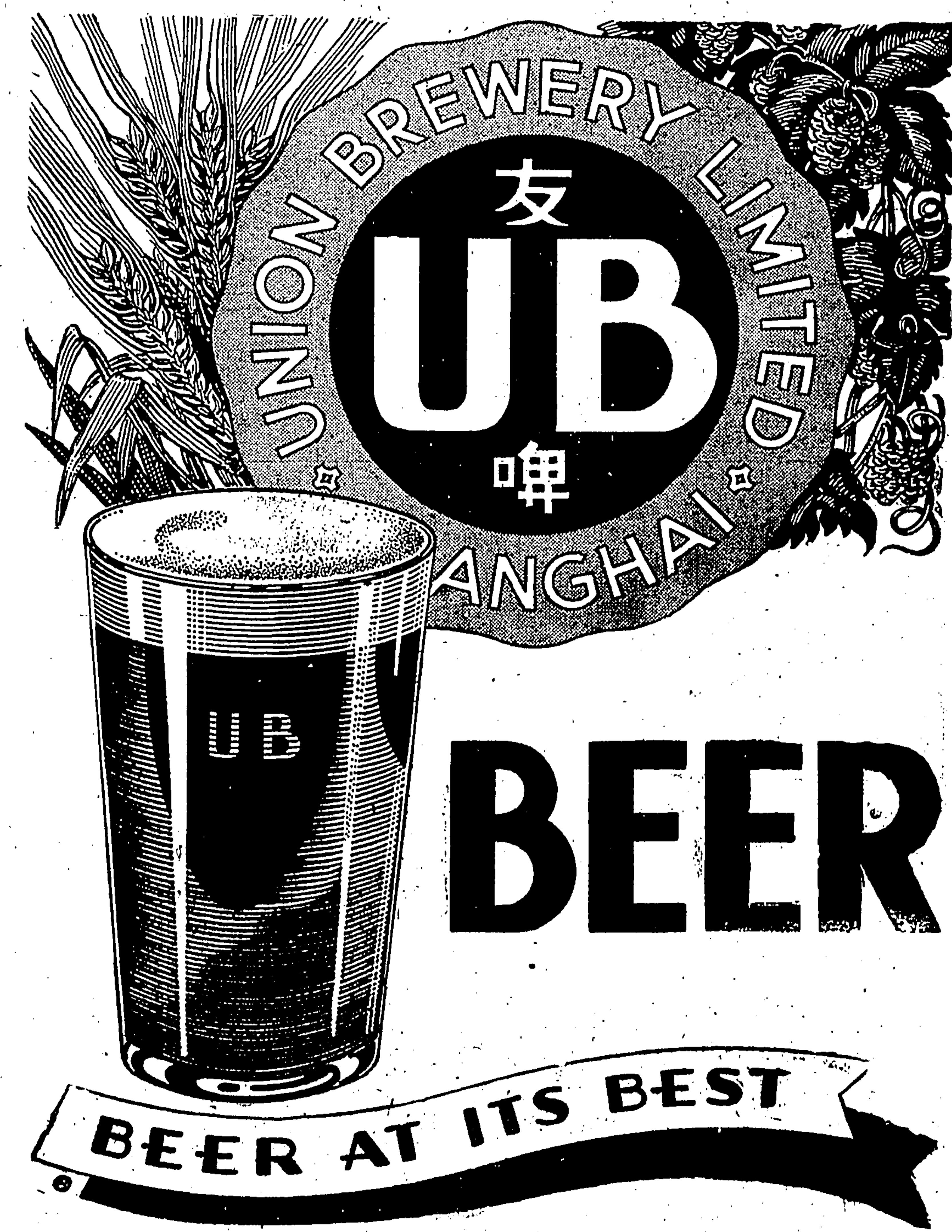
ST. ANDREW'S "A" DEFEAT K. TONG "B"

At Kowloon Tong last night, St. Andrew's "A" beat Kowloon Tong "B" by 6 games to 3 in the "B" Division of the Badminton League.

J. A. de V. Soares and Joe Tsang (K. Tong "B").
beat W. M. Gillis and F. H. Stokes 21—6
lost to E. F. Fincher and H. Kew 6—21
lost to W. C. Choy and F. V. Wong 8—21
A. L. Fisher and John Tang (K. Tong "B").
lost to Gillis and Stokes 15—21
lost to Fincher and Kew 4—21
lost to Choy and Wong 3—21
N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan (K. Tong "B").
beat Gillis and Stokes 21—9
lost to Fincher and Kew 8—21
beat Choy and Wong 21—18

HALIFAX BEAT MANSFIELD AT LAST

London, To-day. In their third replay in the Second Round of the F. A. Cup competition, Halifax Town beat Mansfield by 2 goals to 1 on the Manchester United ground, this after extra time.



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Scots' Bowling Assn. Membership Question

(By AIR MAIL)

The admission of city and county Associations to the membership of the Scottish Bowling Association is to be raised at the annual meeting of the latter body, to be held in the Merchants' House, Glasgow.

The question has been under consideration for some time by the S.B.A. Council, and in a report, which was remitted back for further consideration last year, one of their proposals was that county Associations should be associate members of the S.B.A., and as occasion arises their representatives be called upon to serve on Committee in an advisory capacity.

AGAIN UP

That report, which has been considered by constituent clubs, will again be brought forward without alteration or amendment, along with a notice of motion in the names of Bellahouston, Hamilton, and Lugar Works Bowling Clubs.

These clubs suggested that the rules of the Association be amended so as to include city and county Associations, and that in any district where two or more representatives are elected to the S.B.A. Council, one shall be nominated by the senior responsible Association of the district.

NEW ZEALAND TEAM'S VISIT

An invitation has been accepted by the New Zealand Bowling Association to send a team to visit Britain. The New Zealanders will arrive in Scotland early in May, and stay about three weeks.

A proposal will be made by Springboig Bowling Club that clubs be given the right to make a by-law abrogating Law IV 4 (B) in the case of umbrella games or other purely domestic games. They also ask that if the meeting rejects the motion, the S.B.A. Council refer the question to the International Bowling Board.

The report of the Council shows that at October 31 last there was a credit balance of £1000, as compared with £760 at January 31, 1938. In connection with the rink, pairs and single-handed championships, the prize-money and medals involved an expenditure of £278, and the other expenses of the championships £280. Payments relating to the Richardson Trophy competition totalled £123; the international trials at Dalkeith, involved an expenditure of £23, and the international matches a total of £76.

The Association membership totals 609, an increase of nine, compared with a year ago.

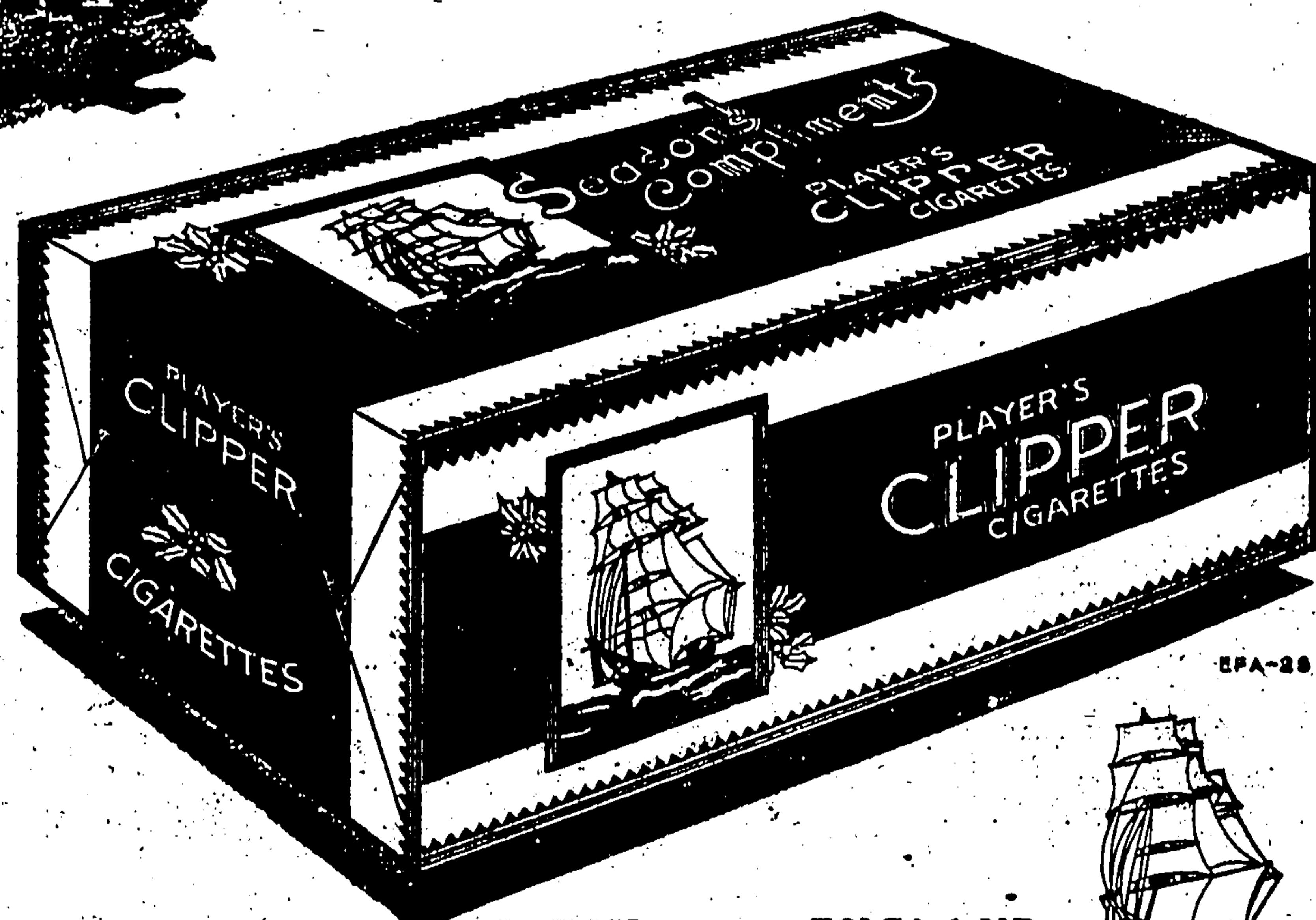
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Macao Juniors Beat 'Varsity

OUR LONDON AIR MAIL SPORTS NEWS

Boxing Board May Amend Tax Promotions'

The five per cent tax levied by the British Boxing Board of Control on all promotions at which the gross takings total £2,500 or more may be amended at the annual meeting of the Board this month.

An amendment will probably be placed on the agenda to the effect that promoters, instead of paying five per cent. on the gross takings, should give to the Board 10 per cent. of their profits.

The present rule reads:

"In all championship contests and from tournaments at which the gross takings are £2,500 or more, when promoted in Great Britain, five per cent. of the gate receipts, after entertainment tax has been deducted, shall be paid by the promoter to the Board, to be paid as follows:

"Five per cent. of the money received by each boxer, after deducting £50 training expenses, contesting the championship or chief contest, and the balance by the promoter."

Folkestone Fish Story

The National Federation of Sea Anglers held their southern tournament at Folkestone. The total catch was 96lb.

The first prize, along with several others, was won by a Mr. R. W. Briggs, who absentmindedly left his line in the sea when he went to his luncheon.

On his return from luncheon, he discovered a 4ft conger, weighing 9lb 11½ozs on the end of his line, which enabled him to win three cups and three medals, also the Federation's gold medal.

It sounds like a real fish story, but it is part of the Federation records and will go down in history as such.

Storm Saves New South Wales From Defeat

A rain storm saved New South Wales, the Sheffield Shield holders, from defeat in the first match of the season against Queensland, when, with one wicket to fall and 27 runs still required for the holders to avoid an innings defeat, stumps had to be drawn.

Play opened in broiling weather this morning, with the wicket showing no signs of wear. New South Wales, whose second innings overnight total was 122 for four wickets, still required 208 runs to avoid an innings defeat. The champions' hope was S. G. Barnes, the young Test batsman. Barnes gave a great display, and carried his overnight total of 75 to 121 before being caught behind the wicket.

J. Minter, the youngster promoted from the colt's team this season, also did much to hold up the Queensland attack. Bowled for a "duck" in his shield debut yesterday, he gave a delightful exhibition, and his 33 today while storm clouds gathered over the ground, was one of the contributory factors in stopping an outright win for Queensland.

At half-past three, with C. Pepper and J. Murphy, the New South Wales tail-enders, fighting to keep the ball out of their wicket, rain came down suddenly. Play was held up for a time, and as the storm showed no signs of abatement, stumps were drawn, with Queensland obtaining first innings points.

H.K. TEAM MISS CHANCES IN CIRCLE GUSTAVO SILVA SHINES FOR WINNERS

(By OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

A FAIRLY enthusiastic crowd turned out to witness the hockey Club's second team yesterday afternoon, resulting in a score of 4 goals to 2 in favour of Macao.

Both sides seemed to possess a tremendous amount of energy and maintained a speedy pace throughout the game.

Macao attacked at the outset, their forward line being well served by Santos Ferreira, the pivot. The opposition were sound in defence and had no sooner secured the ball than it was carried into the the home territory.

EARLY GOAL

University, however, found Macao's stick-work a handicap and a combined rush by Macao's right flank nonplussed Tam and Leou, Varsity backs, Borges, Macao's inside-right, netting without difficulty.

Before the interval, Gustavo Silva, Macao's centre-forward, registered their second goal after a splendid solo effort.

University vigorously attacked when play was resumed, but failed to convert from a short corner, Ling bungling a neat pass from Hans Raj.

Macao went ahead soon after, Gonsalves being responsible with a well placed shot, and soon after this same player secured his second.

Undaunted by the reverse, the visitors pressed hard and before long, Ling registered for the visitors off a neat pass. Just before the final whistle, Tam scored a perfect goal.

H.K. University: Eupta; Tam, Leou; Soares, Teoh, Hui; Tan, K. S. Oh, Ling, Chiang and Hans Raj.

Macao: Sarmento; Baptista, J. Rosario; J. Silva, Santos Ferreira, Noronha; Manhao, Borges, G. Silva, Gonsalves and C. Rosario.

GUNNERS BEAT ORDNANCE CORPS IN JUNIOR SHIELD

At Happy Valley yesterday 24th Battery, R.A. entered the next round of the Junior Shield by virtue of a 4 goals to 1 victory over the Ordnance in their Second Round replay.

The Corps opened with the offensive and after about 10 minutes took the lead when Lang raced between the backs to beat Minshull with a perfectly placed shot. The Gunners then settled down and were seen to good advantage, but during two raids on their goal Munton and Emberson missed golden opportunities of placing the Corps further ahead. Gunners scored before the interval through Marshall and Howells.

After the interval, Marshall and Atkins scored for the Gunners.

ARMY RUGBY XV TO MEET CLUB ON SATURDAY

The following will represent Army against the Hong Kong Football Club in the second round of the Triangular Rugby Tournament, at Happy Valley, on Saturday, commencing at 4 p.m.: L/Sgt. Marshall (R. Scots); Lt. Chivell (Middlesex), Lt. Gudgeon (Middlesex), Lt. Gibson (R. Scots) and Pte. Ferguson (Middlesex); L/Cpl. Boe (R. Scots) and Pte. Leitch (R.A.O.C.); Lt. Gutbertson (R. Scots) (Capt.), Spr. Pike (R.E.), Pte. Richardson (Seaforts), Gnr. Evans (5th, R.A.), Spr. Appley (R.E.), Lt. Craw-

MRS. CLIFFORD IN FINAL

Ladies' Singles Title
Tie At U.S.R.C.

Mrs. E. G. Clifford entered the final of the Colony Women's Singles Lawn Tennis Championship yesterday, when she beat Mrs. F. Tracey 7-5, 6-1 on the United Services Recreation Club's tennis courts.

Mrs. Clifford will meet Miss M. Griffiths in the final on Saturday, December 24, at 3.30 p.m.

It appeared yesterday that Mrs. Tracey would win the first set, when she led 5-3, but Mrs. Clifford won four games in a row. Mrs. Tracey was forced into errors in the second set, and on more than one occasion was completely out-generaled. The court was very "dead" in parts which was of considerable assistance to Mrs. Tracey, in the first set, when she varied her back hand drives to advantage.

The Doubles Final between Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu v. Mrs. Tracey and Mrs. Skinner, is provisionally arranged for New Year's Eve, and will also commence at 3.30 p.m.

WEEK-END CRICKET TEAMS

K.C.C. TEAMS

The following will represent K.C.C. at cricket on Saturday:

1st XI v. Craigengower (away).—D. J. N. Anderson (Captain), K. M. Baxter, F. A. and R. T. Broadbridge, E. F. Finner, G. W. Giffen, G. A. Goodban, W. C. Hung, N. D. Lloyd, N. A. E. Mackay, C. Walker.

2nd XI v. Police (home).—W. Mulcahy (Captain), R. Baldwin, H. Brokenshire, G. G. Davies, S. A. Gray, L. W. Hume, B. D. Lay, W. L. McKenzie, T. A. Madar, R. A. J. Simpson, G. E. Taylor.

C.C.C. TEAM

The following will represent Craigengower 1st XI in a friendly cricket match against Kowloon C.C. on Saturday, at the Valley, commencing at 2 p.m.:—E. Zimmern (Capt.), F. R. Zimmern, A. Zimmern, P. J. Billimoria, U. M. Omar, A. K. Ismail, A. R. H. Esmail, G. Souza, A. T. Lee, D. Hung and W. Rapley.

ford (R.C.S.), Lt. D'Oyly (R. Scots) and L/Cpl. Ross (R. Scots).

Reserves.—Spr. Waite (R.E.), Cpl. Pratt (Seaforts) and L/Cpl. Sutherland (R. Scots).

BOLSKUMMEL & APRICOT BOLS



Spelling Bee
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12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of a Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m.—Selections from 'Gounod's "Faust".'

All Hail, Thou Dwelling..... Luigi Fort (Tenor) with Orchestra.

Ballet (Act 5, Scene 1)... Symphony Orchestra cond. by Henri Busser.

Golden Calf; Mephisto Serenade....

Alexander Kipnis (Bass) with Orchestra.

Garden Scene—Saints above and Angels..... Quartette; Muriel Brunskill, Miriam Licette, Robert Easton and Heddle Nash with Orchestra cond. by Sir Thomas Beecham.

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

Songs Without Words—Potpourri.

Fantasia On Melodies Of Johann Strauss (Weber).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Variety with Wish Myne, Sam Browne and others.

Piano Duet—Parade Of The Tin Soldiers (Jessel); Nola (Arndt) Rawicz and Landauer.

Vocal—Jean-Francois et Marie-Claire (from the Revue of the Folies Bergere).... Carmen Torres and Robert Buguet with Orchestra and

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Chorus of the Folies Bergere.

Vocal—L'Angelus De La Mer (from the Revue of the Folies Bergere).... Damia with Orchestra and Chorus of the Folies Bergere.

Comedienne—An Embankment Impression (Wynne).... Wish Wynne.

Vocal—My Shadow's Where My Sweetheart Used To Be (Carr); I'm Sittin' High On A Hill Top (film 'Thanks a Million').... Sam Browne (Baritone) with The Rhythm Sisters and Orchestra.

Piano Duet—Hit Memories Medley No. 1: Part 1—Fox-Trots; Part 2—Waltzes.... Jack Wilson and Jimmy Leach.

Dance Orch.—Jalousie—Tango.... Xavier Cugat & His Hotel Waldorf-Astoria Orchestra.

Dance Orch.—Tu Sais—Tango.... Henry King & His Hotel Pierre Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.

7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 p.m.—Variety with Billy Bennett, Will Evans, Aaron Sisters and Sid...

ney Torch.

Orch.—Love Makers The World Go Round (from 'These Foolish Things'); When You Dream About Hawaii (from 'These Foolish Things').... London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Clifford Greenwood with Gerry Fitzgerald (Vocal).

Vocal—How'm I Doin'? (Redman).... Aaron Sisters.

Vocal & Piano—There's Rain In My Eyes (Schwartz); Take Me In Your Arms (Roncoroni).... Leslie Hutchinson.

Dance Orch.—There's A Little Irish Colleen On Broadway—Fox-Trot; The Highland Swing—Quickstep (from 'Happy Returns').... Harry Roy & His Orchestra with vocal refrain.

Vocal—Down In Glasslough (Hayward).... Richard Hayward.

Vocal—Johnny, I Hardly Knew Ye (arr. Hayward).... Richard Hayward and His Yeomen of Song with Instrumental Quintet.

Dance Orch.—This Is My Night To Dream—Slow Fox-Trot (film 'Doctor Rhythm'); There's Honey On The Moon To-night—Quickstep.... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.

Vocal—Please Let Me Sleep On Your Doorstep To-Night (Les).... Billy Bennett and His Kerbstone Quartette with Banjo and Piano.

7.40 p.m.—Studio—Z.B.W. Orchestra, 1. L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2 (Bizet).

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report, and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Z.B.W. Orchestra, 2. Serenata in F Minor (Tarenghi). 3. Christmas Night Dream (Pellegratti).

Interval

Tom the Rhymer (Loewe, Op. 135).... Ivar Andresen (Bass) with Dr. Franz Hallasch at the Piano.

4. Oriental Impressions Suite (Amadei): (a) Love Song; (b) Dawn; (c) In the Bazaar.

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—'At The Black Dog'. Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by S. E. Reynolds and Pascoe Thornton.

9 p.m.—Gracie Fields and Sandy Powell.

Sandy The Farmer (Wise).... Sandy Powell and Company in a Humorous Sketch.

Queen Of Hearts (film).... Gracie Fields with Orchestral Accompaniment.

Gracie's And Sandy's Party.... Gracie Fields & Sandy Powell entertain Charlie Kunz, Joe Petersen, Reginald Dixon, Jay Wilbur, Larry Adler, Primo Scala.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'World Affairs'.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

Rudyard Kipling's Barrack Room Ballads (Kipling-Cobb).... with Orchestra and Chorus.

10 p.m.—Studio—Spelling Bee, "Over Forty" v. "Under Forty".

10.25 p.m.—Dance Music, Fox-Trots—What Are We Gonna Do With Baby?; I Saw A Ship A-Sailing.... Brian Lawrence & His Orchestra with vocal chorus.

Waltz—Moonlight Valley (film 'Secret Service'); Quickstep—A Sailboat In The Moonlight.... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom.

Fox-Trots—Poor Robinson Crusoe; Keep Calling Me Sweetheart.... Billy Cotton & His Band with vocal refrain.

Tangos—Punto Arenas; San Fernando.... Heinz Huppertz & His Orch.

Fox-Trot—Speaking Of The Weather (film 'Gold Diggers of 1937').

Waltz—My Heart's In Old Killarney.... George Elliott & His Sweet Music Makers with vocal refrain.

11 p.m.—Close down.

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To-day we present the third of a series of hands in which the proper and only winning play is to lead a suit of which both Declarer and dummy are void, thus allowing him to ruff in one hand and discard a loser from the other. By this time our readers may have gathered the idea that we think this is always a fine play. Such is far from the case, as 90% of the time Declarer will simply gain an extra trick by the ruff and discard defence. We are merely depicting a few isolated instances where this is the only winning play. To-day's hand is a little different from the two preceding, its salient point being that less harm is done by giving Declarer a discard than by leading into a tenace.

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ K J 10 9
♥ A 7 3
♦ J 2
♣ K 9 8 2

N E
W S
5 2
Q 10 8 4
Q 9 8 5 2
7 4
Q 7 4

♠ 7 4
♥ J 9 6 2
♦ K Q 10
♣ J 2

♠ A Q 8 6 3
♥ K 5
♦ A 6
♣ A 10 6 5

The bidding:

South: West: North: East:
1♦ Pass 3♦ Pass
1♦ Pass 4♦ Pass
1♦ Pass 5♦ Pass
1♦ Pass Pass Pass

Against six spades West opened the King of diamonds. South saw immediately that in addition to the losing diamond he was almost certain to lose a club trick unless he could hoodwink West into making a misplay. Two rounds of trumps were followed by three rounds of hearts, Declarer trumping the last. And now a diamond was returned. West won this trick with the Queen and, afraid to lead another diamond, shifted to the Jack of clubs. South won in dummy with the King, then led the nine through East, eventually capturing the Queen and losing no club tricks.

Now place yourself in the West position after being thrown in with the diamond Queen. Declarer has shown five spades, two hearts and two diamonds. If South holds another diamond, he will follow to a third round of diamonds. This also means that he holds three clubs. Now suppose South has no more diamonds (as was actually the case). This simply means that he has four clubs. Now if the diamond is played, he can ruff in either hand and discard a club. But he will still be left with three clubs. Therefore, unless South's club holding includes the Queen as well as the Ace (in which event nothing can be done), the proper play by West is a diamond.

How would you have made out as the West defender on this and the two preceding hands, which made a difference of approximately 3,500 points?

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ZBW Orchestra:
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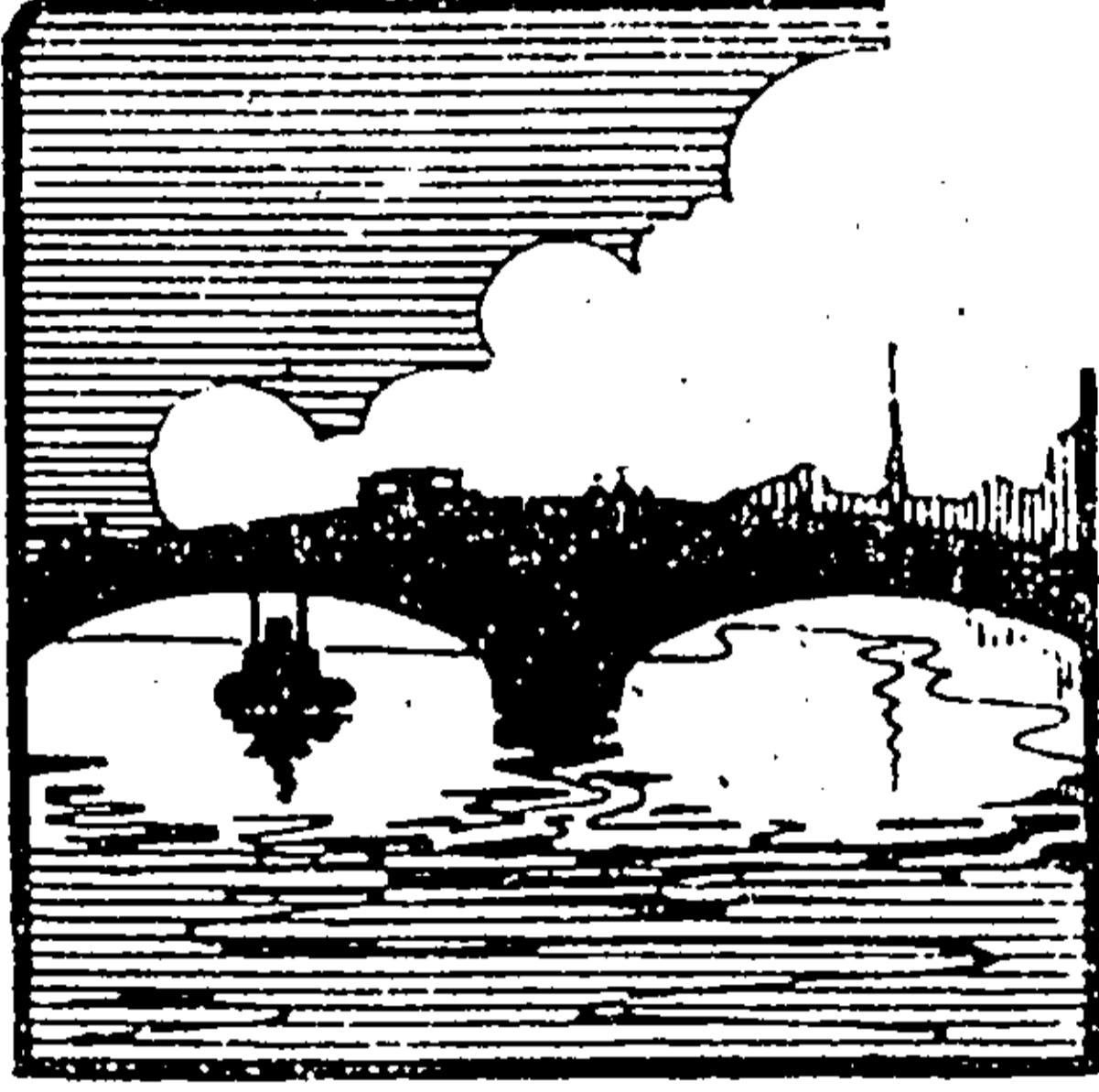
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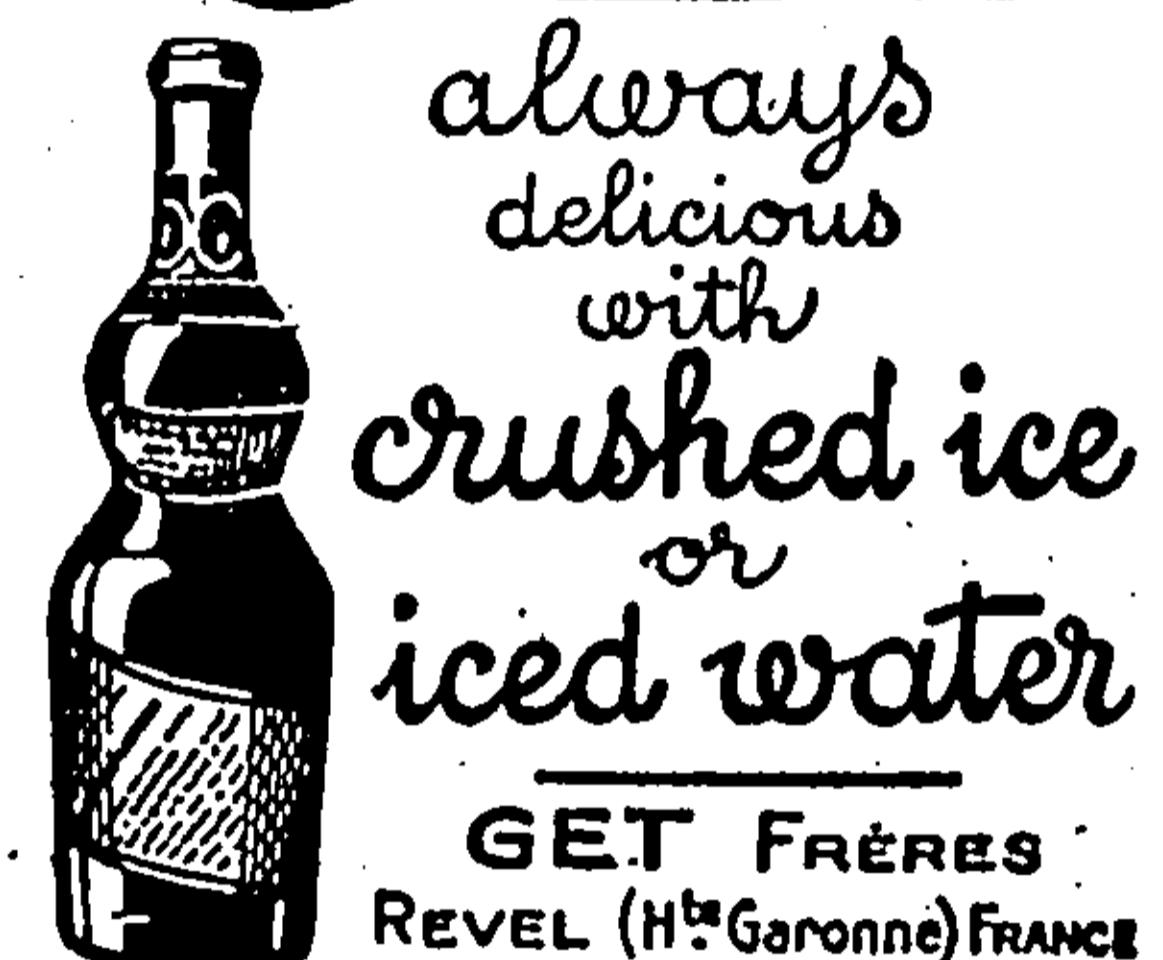
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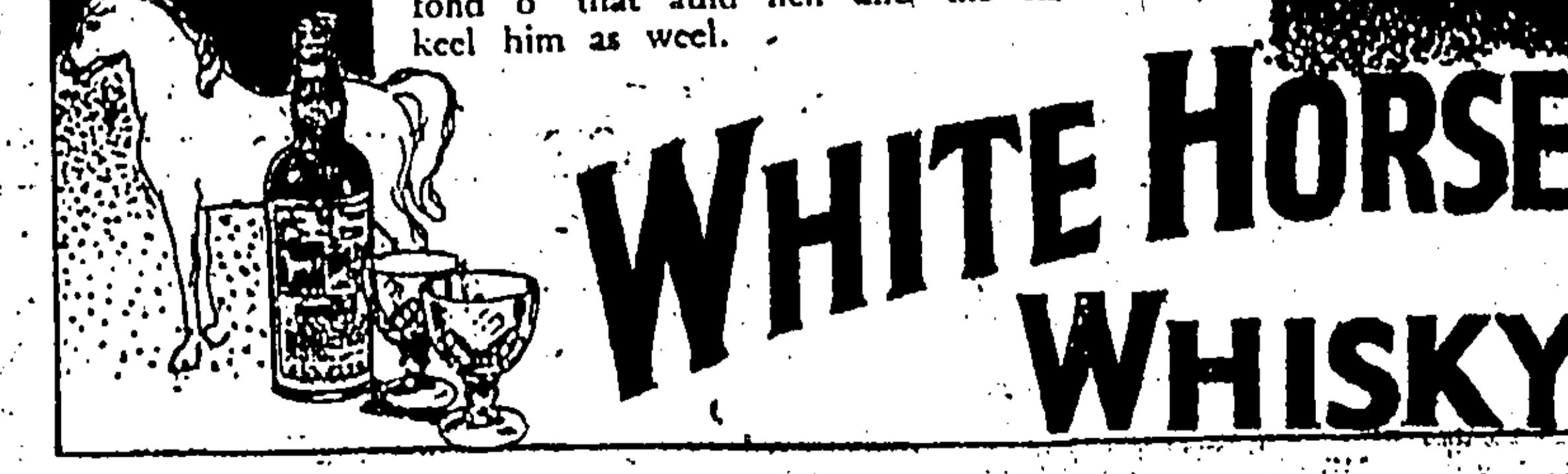
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In a short speech, Mussolini stressed that the numerical proportion of the inhabitants of rural to those of urban areas must not be modified to the detriment of the former and at least 50 per cent. of the Italian nation should depend on agriculture for their livelihood.

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The strength of a nation was inseparable from the numerical strength of its population which must be intimately bound up with the soil.—Trans-Ocean.

Among police officers who returned from leave by the s.s. Carthage, was Mr. F. W. Shaftain, A.S.P., the Assistant Director of Criminal investigation.

"JAPAN WILL PROTECT RIGHTS"

TOKYO, To-day.

The Japanese Foreign Office has, according to the Domei News Agency, been informed by the Ambassador in Moscow that his further conversation with M. Litvinoff concerning fishing rights in the Far East had had no result.

Political circles consequently do not expect an agreement. The News Agency adds that Japan will protect her rights.—Trans-Ocean.

CLOSE COOPERATION

LONDON, To-day.

The British Government's desire to cooperate more closely with the United States in regard to Japan's claims in the Far East was voiced in the House of Commons yesterday by the Under Secretary of State, Mr. R. A. Butler, in an affirmative reply to the question as to whether the British Government, in view of the existing tension between London and Tokyo, did not consider it advisable to enter into closer relations with Washington.—Trans-Ocean.

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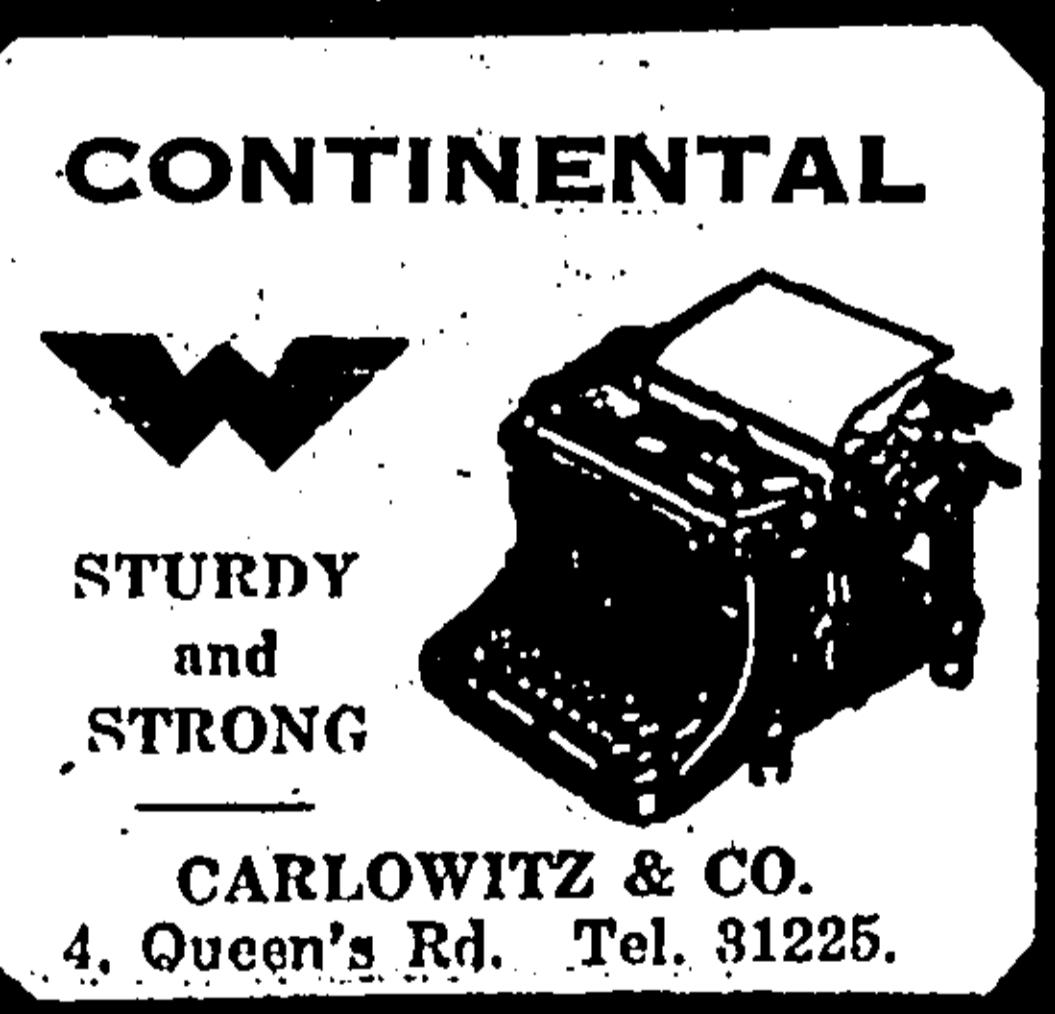
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